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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WIED).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 17, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TONY WIED, to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

IMPROVING DOMESTIC ENERGY MARKET

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, we will vote on legislation to improve our domestic energy market and to support President Trump's agenda on U.S. energy dominance.

In my home State of Pennsylvania, we have abundant natural gas reserves. We can utilize this resource that is under the feet of my constituents to provide tremendous economic benefit

to our country and support the energy needs of our allies.

Unfortunately, over the last 4 years, energy policy has stalled the necessary development of pipelines and export facilities. This has hindered natural gas production and prevented us from fully realizing the benefit of this critical resource.

The United States' ample energy resources are a distinct advantage over our global competitors. We can leverage this advantage to the benefit of my constituents and the benefit of all Americans by advancing this important legislation and putting energy policy in this country back on track.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I was proud to work to advance this legislation to the House floor, and I look forward to seeing it passed through Congress on the way to being signed into law by President Trump.

COMMEMORATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES E. VAN ZANDT VA MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join in commemorating the 75th anniversary of the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, 33 years after the VA medical center in Altoona was opened, Congress renamed the facility in honor of the former U.S. Representative James E. Van Zandt, who was the catalyst for the establishment of the VA medical center in Altoona.

Representative Van Zandt was born in Altoona, elected to 11 terms in the U.S. House, served with the United States Navy in both World War I and World War II, and was a national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars from 1934 to 1936. He retired as a rear admiral from the United States Navy Reserve in 1959.

The legacy of devoted service that distinguished the life of Representative Van Zandt remains as a source of inspiration for all.

I am proud that my longstanding ties to the Van Zandt VA Medical Center include my service as a consultant serving our veterans. On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the James E. Van Zandt Medical Center on this important milestone and express my personal gratitude for the excellent healthcare that has been provided to the veterans there, continuing today and into the future.

HONORING CENTURY FARM DESIGNATION OF BLACK'S WILLOW RUN FARM

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor four generations of the Black family in Tyrone Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, on the designation of their farm as a Century Farm by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

James Black purchased the farm in December 1920 at a cost of \$28 per acre for 140 acres. He raised chickens on the farm.

Family ownership was passed down through the years to Samuel Black, who transitioned the operation from a poultry farm to a dairy farm, and then to Samuel's son Bob Black, who chose to focus on crop farming.

Today, Black's Willow Run Farm is owned by Bob Black's son, Clinton, and his wife, Jessica. Crops grown on the farm include corn, wheat, soybeans, and alfalfa.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I offer heartfelt congratulations to all members of the Black family on this notable recognition and express gratitude for their enduring commitment to one of Pennsylvania's most vital industries, and that is agriculture.

RECOGNIZING KRISTA PONTIUS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Krista Pontius on her selection as the recipient of the 2025 Pennsylvania Golden Owl Award.

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Krista is a longtime agriculture teacher and the FFA adviser at Greenwood High School in Millerstown, Pennsylvania. With pride, Krista notes that she has devoted nearly 30 years to creating an FFA family at the high school.

The Golden Owl Award is one of the most prestigious forms of recognition in agricultural education. Presented at the Pennsylvania FFA State Convention, the award honors teachers in the State of Pennsylvania who dedicate countless hours to improving the lives of their students.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russ Redding described Krista as a natural teacher whose dedication makes a lasting impression on students in our communities.

Most certainly, Krista is a source of pride for the entire district. On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Krista and look forward to the continuation of her education for the community.

CONGRESS MUST TAKE ACTION ON TARIFFS

(Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, after months and months of President Trump insisting that his tariffs are not paid by Americans, insisting that tariffs don't drive up prices, insisting that there will be no exclusions on exemptions from his liberation day tariffs that he imposed back in April, on Friday afternoon the White House very quietly released a statement that they, in fact, are exempting and carving out tariffs for a number of goods, which were blindingly obvious were going to be costing more because we do not produce any of those goods here in this country.

Included in his order are coffee, tea, fruit juices, tropical fruits, spices, bananas, oranges, and tomatoes. Obviously, if you talk to anybody who has been in a grocery store lately, the prices for all of those products have gone up by large margins, again, in the wake of the April tariffs that were put into place.

Coffee is up 19 percent. Bananas are up 7 percent. Oranges and lettuce are up 3 and 4 percent.

Again, it was so clear to anyone who was actually connected to the real world that grocery prices were going up and that we had to take steps to carve out exemptions for the sake of American consumers, our working families, and the middle class.

It was amazing to see how the President, in October, was actually giving speeches where he said prices have come way down and that we have gotten prices way down for groceries. That is the mentality which is in that White House. Again, these were tariffs that he imposed unilaterally without consulting Congress.

The question, though, is whether it is good that again there is going to be some price relief for some of these items, which never should have been tariffed to begin with. It begs the question about the rest of the economy that is getting harmed by tariffs.

The National Association of Home Builders announced after the tariffs were announced that it would raise the average cost of a new home by \$11,000 because of the fact that so many parts and pieces that go into new home construction are imported. That is just a reality in our economy.

When we talk about the cost of living and affordability, if anything is close to maybe groceries, it is the cost of housing in terms of rents and getting new construction restarted.

What about that, Mr. President? Why don't we also look at what is clearly happening in our economy right now and provide relief for the American people who are groaning under the high cost of living?

The President has to look no further than the conservative Tax Foundation, which again is a right-of-center economic think tank. Its analysis is that, by October, tariffs have raised retail prices on all goods by nearly 5 percent relative to their pretariff trend line.

Instead of solving high inflation, the Trump tariffs have continued it and, in some instances, increased it. This includes a 6 percent increase for imported goods and 4.3 percent for domestic goods because a lot of our domestic goods incorporate items that, again, are imported from overseas.

The fundamental problem here is that this President believed in his mind that he himself had the power to impose these tariffs. Let's be very clear. A tariff is a tax on imported goods. It is a tax.

I am from New England. Remember the Boston Tea Party? It was about a tariff on tea that the British Government was trying to force the American colonists to pay.

A case was argued just a couple of weeks ago before the U.S. Supreme Court, where, again, the plaintiffs powerfully stated that the President did not have the authority to impose those taxes back in April. That is an Article I, Section 9 authority in the Constitution for the Congress.

For the sake of reestablishing the checks and balances in our country and for the sake of the American economy, where issues like tariffs, which require a lot of analysis, are very complex, and require Congress to be part of that decisionmaking—in fact, we are the decisionmakers, according to the Constitution—those tariffs should be struck down. We should go back to basics, which is that when we deal with tax policy, it is the power of Congress that prevails in terms of making those kinds of decisions.

The harm that has been done to the economy, the middle class, and working families because of the Trump tariffs, which, again, were just unilater-

ally and indiscriminately imposed against some countries that we actually have trade surpluses with, has to be rolled back.

There was an admission on Friday by the administration that their tariff policy has failed, and it is time for Congress to stand up and do its job to rebalance our economy.

HIGHLIGHTING CRITICAL INVESTMENTS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, speaking of taxes, the tax on the economy and the detriment to the economy over the Democratic shutdown over the past 6 weeks makes me delighted to be back here in Congress, doing the work of Iowa and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a critical investment for Iowa families, the \$2.78 million in community project funding I secured for the Newton YMCA childcare expansion.

This funding will allow the Y to open 50 new childcare slots, giving working parents in Jasper County the reliability and support they urgently need.

Access to childcare is not just a family issue. It is a workforce issue. When parents can't find childcare, they can't work, which hurts local businesses and the entire economy.

The Newton YMCA is a pillar of its community, and this expansion will allow it to serve more families, strengthen the workforce, and keep Newton and Jasper County growing.

I am proud to have secured this funding and will continue fighting for projects that support families and build a stronger future for Iowa's First District and Iowa.

HIGHLIGHTING COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the \$2 million in community project funding I secured for Jones Regional Medical Center in Iowa to build a permanent, state-of-the-art medical simulation lab.

For the past several years, JRMC has trained nurses out of two temporary trailers. Despite those challenges, their program continues to produce highly skilled providers who are urgently needed across Iowa, especially nurses and EMTs.

This funding will create a 1,700-square-foot advanced simulation center that will allow more students to graduate each year and expand training for high-demand medical fields.

This investment strengthens Iowa's healthcare workforce, supports our rural hospitals, and ensures communities across Jones County have access to trained, qualified healthcare providers.

I am proud to have secured this funding and remain committed to strengthening healthcare access and workforce training across Iowa.

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RECOGNIZING KEOKUK AREA HOSPITAL PROJECT FUNDING

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the \$825,000 in community project funding I secured to restore critical healthcare access in Lee County through the Keokuk Area Hospital project.

Since Keokuk lost its hospital in 2022, residents have faced delays in emergency and specialty care. No community should be left without emergency services or forced to travel over an hour for lifesaving treatment.

This funding will help reopen emergency services and create outpatient specialty care, closing a major gap in healthcare access and restoring the safety net that Lee County deserves. The CEO of Insight said that it was pivotal in establishing these services. This is about saving lives, strengthening rural healthcare, and giving families peace of mind.

I am proud to have secured this investment and will continue working to ensure that rural Iowans receive the same quality care as any American, no matter their ZIP Code.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHERYL TATES MACIAS HAMBY

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Cheryl Tates Macias Hamby, a devoted public servant, community leader, and an example of what it truly means to live a life of service.

Whether working in Congress or the executive branch, she approached every challenge with integrity and the belief that public service is about improving the lives of others.

Cheryl's commitment to service extended far beyond her professional life. In Prince William County and across Virginia, Cheryl was a tireless volunteer and civic leader through her work with the Rotary Club, the Scouts, and numerous community organizations.

Cheryl also served as the chair of the Prince William County Democrats and brought people together, built bridges, and inspired others to lead with heart.

Cheryl's legacy and memory will live on through all of the lives that she touched and the communities she strengthened. My heart goes out to Cheryl's family. May she rest in peace.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF J.

HAMILTON LAMBERT

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of J. Hamilton Lambert, a devoted public servant, a steady leader, and a Virginian who made lasting difference.

Through his many years of service, J. Lambert focused on making local government work better for the people it serves, and his service continued long after his government career.

Through his work with the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, he helped create opportunities for young people, especially those training for careers in medical fields. Thousands of students have benefited from programs that he helped to grow, giving them the skills they need to build a brighter future.

Mr. Lambert carried himself with humility, sharp insight, and a quick sense of humor. He always, always put the people around him first.

Mr. Speaker, his legacy will live on in the people who he helped; the programs that he strengthened; and the communities across Virginia, especially in Loudoun County, that are better because of his service.

CONGRATULATING BRENTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Brentsville High School girls flag football team on winning the inaugural flag football championship.

This fall marked the first year for girls flag football as a club sport in Prince William County, and girls flag football is part of a growing trend. It is one of the fastest growing sports in the country.

Mr. Speaker, 12 Prince William County high school teams competed in an eight-game season and a post-season tournament.

On Saturday, the Brentsville Tigers defeated Patriot High School 15–6, completing a perfect 11–0 season.

This victory for Brentsville High School reflects their teamwork and determination. They are really good. I actually checked out some of their highlights on YouTube. I encourage everyone to go to a game next year.

I congratulate the girls and Coach Baltimore on their undefeated season. They have made Brentsville and our entire community proud.

HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR SYRIANS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about a critical moment of hope and opportunity for the Syrian people.

For the past decade, Syrians have experienced civil war, mass destruction, hundreds of thousands of deaths, and millions of displacements. With the fall of the Assad regime and the transition to a new administration, today we have a window of opportunity to support the Syrian people as they seek to achieve a free and democratic future: a future defined by economic stability, a future strengthened by a robust infrastructure, a future fueled by thriving business, and a future free from repression.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to support legislation that offers sanctions relief for Syria, opening the door to new investments from partners around the world. It is my hope that, together, we can turn this moment into a brighter future for the Syrian people and for Syrian Americans.

CONGRATULATING LIGHTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Lightridge High

School marching band for being invited to march in the 2027 London parade.

This is a huge honor. This is a really big deal, and they were actually the first to be announced as being a part of that parade of all of the high schools.

They are really good. Actually, I had a chance to hear them perform live and be there when they were awarded this honor. They even played "Golden" from KPop Demon Hunters. My kids listen to that on repeat, and so I appreciate them doing that.

I appreciate them representing our community so well. I congratulate Dan Adams and the entire Lightridge community.

Good luck in 2027.

RECOGNIZING VETERANS IN TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Mr. SELF of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 22 of our Nation's finest veterans.

These individuals are exceptional American heroes who demonstrated selfless commitment to serving our Nation and their communities.

This is a moment to acknowledge those who have sacrificed much and devoted all to safeguarding our country. This year, Texas' Third District is saluting brave veterans who have exhibited remarkable service, leadership, integrity, and dedication. These veterans represent true role models within our community, deserving our utmost respect, acknowledgement, and honor.

The veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District receiving the 2025 Veteran Commendation Award are as follows:

Sergeant Christopher Acevedo, U.S. Army.

Captain Travis Mills, U.S. Army.

Major Gary Billings, U.S. Marine Corps.

Second Lieutenant Charles Neubecker, U.S. Army.

Master Sergeant Fernando Cruz, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Vincent Riggs, U.S. Navy.

Senior Airman David Davis, U.S. Air Force.

Major Philip Shortino, U.S. Army.

Staff Sergeant David DuBay, U.S. Air Force.

Senior Airman Danny Stasik, U.S. Air Force.

Staff Sergeant Robert DuBay, U.S. Air Force.

Sergeant Willie Frank Stephenson, U.S. Army.

Master Sergeant Patrick Ervin, U.S. Air Force.

Captain Ean Sullivan, U.S. Marine Corps.

Sergeant Ayman Hatkwa, U.S. Army. Colonel Dick Thompson, Jr., U.S. Air Force.

Sergeant Paul David Hoch, U.S. Army.

Chief Petty Officer Michael Thompson, Jr., U.S. Navy.

Petty Officer Second Class James Johnson, U.S. Navy.

Lance Corporal Frank Walker, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps.

Command Master Chief Petty Officer Robert Jordan, U.S. Navy.

Gunnery Sergeant Nick Mendoza, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, I salute these 22 veterans. God bless them, and God bless America.

HONORING CAPTAIN CAROL YOUNG MACGIBBON

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Carol Young MacGibbon, a distinguished graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Commissioned into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1980 as part of the historic first class of female graduates, Captain MacGibbon served our Nation with distinction in leadership positions in Germany and beyond.

Following her Active-Duty service, Mrs. MacGibbon dedicated 22 years to mentoring future Army leaders, assisting over 165 candidates in earning admission to West Point. Since 2003, Captain MacGibbon has been a West Point admissions representative.

Since 2006, she served as the congressional district coordinator for Texas' Third Congressional District. In that capacity, she served as the West Point liaison officer for three successive Members of Congress, beginning with Congressman Sam Johnson from 2006 to 2018.

Mr. Speaker, recognized by peers and leaders alike, Mrs. MacGibbon received the Congressional Veteran Commendation Award from Congressman Sam Johnson in 2017 and the Ray Colvin Service Award from the West Point Society of North Texas in 2023.

Captain MacGibbon's legacy of service reaches well beyond her professional achievements. She met her late husband, Kevin Vance MacGibbon, while they were classmates at the United States Military Academy, and they married in October of 1981 after graduation.

Captain Kevin MacGibbon served as an infantry officer stationed in Germany during the Cold War from 1980 to 1985, earning his Ranger tab and Airborne wings.

Together, they raised three children, who continue the proud tradition of military service, including officers and graduates of West Point and the U.S. Air Force Academy. The Army Lacrosse Endowment stands as a testament to the enduring commitment of Carol and Kevin MacGibbon to the values of West Point and the U.S. Army.

Carol MacGibbon's dedication to West Point and to our Nation embodies the highest ideals of Duty, Honor, Country.

Therefore, I honor Captain Carol MacGibbon for her lifetime of service to the United States, to West Point, and to the countless young men and women whose lives she has helped shape.

We extend our gratitude and best wishes upon her retirement as academy liaison officer for West Point.

The enduring legacy Captain Carol MacGibbon leaves at West Point stands as a beacon for those who aspire to lead and serve, ensuring that the academy's proud tradition endures for generations to come.

May God bless Captain Carol MacGibbon. May God bless the United States of America.

WELCOME BACK

(Ms. STANSBURY of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say: Welcome back to the House of Representatives.

This is our first full week back after the shutdown and the 54 days of lockout that we experienced here in this Chamber, after a completely wasteful, avoidable, and painful shutdown that not only harmed families, workers, and our communities but cost our country billions of dollars. It did not result, ultimately, in the fight to end the attacks on our healthcare.

Mr. Speaker, rather than coming back this week after our shutdown, the longest shutdown in history, to address the real issues that were at the heart of this debate—lowering healthcare costs, addressing the healthcare cliff, addressing the cost of food, and addressing the cost of housing—what are we doing here this week? We are attacking our public lands and opening them up for oil and gas drilling.

This week, our colleagues across the aisle, fresh from their multiweek vacation, have come with a whole slew of special asks by special interests from the oil and gas industry.

We have H.J. Res. 130, the Congressional Review Act, to reverse a resource management plan that was developed with Tribal consultation and public benefit to open the door to coal development in an area where communities have been abundantly clear that they do not want these attacks on these public lands because of the threats it poses to climate change, public health, and to their future.

Why are they ignoring what these communities have already said? Yet, here we are voting on legislation this week that would repeal community-based strategies to protect our public lands.

All three of the CRA measures that are scheduled to be voted on this week are literally put forward to open some of our Nation's most sacred and treasured places. This includes opening protected areas in the Arctic that are not only important to protect for ecological reasons and wildlife but for cultural reasons.

These are areas that our colleagues know that Tribal communities have fought for generations to protect. These are areas that our colleagues know are sensitive. These are areas that we know during the first Trump administration, when they tried to sell them off to the lowest bidder, the oil

and gas industry didn't even want to drill there.

Yet, here they are trying to reverse the protections that have been put in place to protect not only these important lands in the Arctic, but these sacred lands.

Mr. Speaker, these bills not only impact these lands but are part of a larger pattern that we see in this administration of revoking previous protections that have been put in place to respect not only the ecological importance of lands but also sacred places.

In fact, during the shutdown, Tribes in my district received notice that the administration was considering repealing the protections for Chaco Canyon.

Mr. Speaker, you should understand what Chaco Canyon is. It is a global World Heritage Site. It is a sacred site. It is a place generations of Pueblo and Dine Navajo people have come to pray.

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It is a place where on a cold morning standing on top of the mesa overlooking Pueblo Bonito, you can see the ancient cities, kivas, and sacred sites not just below but that stretch out across a landscape as far as the eye can see.

It is a place where you can walk in the footsteps of people who built these structures and you understand why it is sacred. It is the ancestral homeland of the Pueblo people. It is a place today where religious leaders and community leaders continue to come for their religious practices. It is a place that we have fought to protect for generations.

Yet in the middle of the longest government shutdown, as Tribes could not even get basic programs and services to operate, could not figure out if their grants and their programs were able to continue to operate, could not get access to lands that were important to them, this administration had the gall to send a letter to our Tribes saying that they were going to revoke protections.

Mr. Speaker, I am here to say we will fight back, and we will defeat this effort.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, the source of our being, before we were born, You knew us. Our days were ordered long before even our bodies were formed. You have written into Your book our past, our present, and our future.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. In awe, we approach You, for we have assumed our own purpose rather than yielding to Your own. We have pursued our own will and failed to seek Your will for us.

Redeeming God, Your works are full of wonder, and Your grace has surrounded us with Your mercy, hemming us in and guarding us from our waywardness.

By the presence of Your holy spirit, guide us in the way You would have us go. Your thoughts—Your plans—are more numerous than the grains of sand. In Your eternity, may we find peace in our time. In Your grace plan, may we find our true meaning. In our lives, may we glorify You and live to show forth Your kingdom in our midst.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

THE SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

TRUMP ACHIEVEMENT FOR PEACE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, President Donald Trump has another historic achievement for peace and prosperity in the Middle East, reducing threats to Americans at home and abroad.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday: "Syria has joined the U.S.-led mission to defeat Islamic State . . . after President Trump and Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa met at the White House."

This meeting was the first of a Syrian head of state to visit the White House in the 8,000-year history of Damascus.

It was promoted by Ambassador Tom Barrack, the tireless Trump envoy for Syria, and Admiral Brad Cooper, head of U.S. Central Command.

I personally appreciate the Trump triumph as, last November, I was condemned by the Syrian dictator, Assad,

as an enemy of the state weeks before he fled to Moscow.

Mr. Speaker, 8 months later, I was a guest in the Damascus office of Assad with the new President and Senator JEANNE SHAHEEN.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump with attacks on civilians.

FAREWELL TO KATHRYN ALEXANDER

(Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with pride, gratitude, and some bittersweet news.

After nearly 8 years on Team Clark, Kathryn Alexander, my communications director and senior adviser, is moving on to her next project and her next chapter.

Kathryn, affectionately known as "KA" to all of us, brings her incredible style, good humor, patriotism, compassion, and wicked-smart strategy to all she does.

It has been a privilege to have her in the trenches with me, from late-night press conferences to early-morning interviews. It will always be my distinct honor to call her my friend.

I thank KA. She is extraordinary. May this next chapter bring her, Mike, Nolan, and baby Jude all of the happiness and all of the bliss that they deserve.

HONORING CALVO ENTERPRISES' 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. MOYLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Calvo Enterprises, Inc., as it marks 50 years of service to the people of Guam. From its beginning in 1938 with the island's first locally owned insurance agency, the Calvo family built more than just businesses. They built opportunity for our island.

Over the decades, Calvo Enterprises grew to include companies that became part of daily life, from Mid-Pacific Distributors and Pepsi bottling company, to KUAM, giving our community a strong media voice; and Pay-Less Supermarkets, helping to provide food and essentials to our families.

What we recognize today is not only business success but a commitment to Guam through civic and charitable work, including the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, which has supported families during some of their most difficult moments.

Mr. Speaker, three generations later, the Calvo family continues to lead with the same values of hard work, integrity, and service to community, helping to strengthen our island and create a future that our children can rely on.

I thank the Calvo family and every employee who contributed to this agency.

I congratulate Calvo Enterprises on 50 years of growing with Guam and for Guam. May the next 50 be just as strong.

RECOGNIZING JONES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER PROJECT FUNDING

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the \$2 million in community project funding I secured for Jones Regional Medical Center in Anamosa to build a permanent, state-of-the-art medical simulation lab.

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Mr. Speaker, I wish a very happy birthday to Ambassador and Iowa's longest-serving Governor, Governor Terry Branstad. Happy birthday, Ambassador and Governor Branstad.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and Workforce:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: In the wake of the late Congressman Grijalva's passing, it has been an honor to waive onto the Education and Workforce Committee and contribute to its work during this transitional period. With the recent—and long overdue—swearing-in of Adelita Grijalva, I respectfully remove myself from the Education and Workforce Committee to ensure she can assume this role seamlessly.

Sincerely,

YASSAMIN ANSARI,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FINE) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2025

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2392) to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2392

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—Effective on December 1, 2025, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in effect on November 30, 2025, for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under section 1115(1) of such title.

(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar amount under section 1162 of such title.

(4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of section 1311 of such title.

(5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—Each dollar amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2025, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as increased under that section, not later than the date on which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2026.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2392. Each year, Congress passes the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act.

The legislation ensures that VA compensation benefits for veterans and their survivors keep pace with inflation and the cost of living. Millions of veterans and their loved ones depend on these benefits to pay for daily living expenses.

This bill would help them meet that need by increasing certain VA benefits to the same percentage as the annual Social Security cost-of-living adjustment increase.

I recognize this is something we could and should have taken up sooner, and there was real concern that if the shutdown dragged on, VA might not have had the staff in place to implement the COLA on time.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the sponsors of this bill, Senators MORAN and BLUMENTHAL, for their bipartisan work on this vitally important bill to ensure our veterans get their benefits. I also thank Representative LUTTRELL for his leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support S. 2392, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that we are considering S. 2392, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025 today. I rise in strong support of the measure, and I thank Senator MORAN for introducing the bill and appreciate Representatives MORGAN LUTTRELL and MORGAN McGARVEY for leading the House version.

We have a uniquely solemn charge on the Veterans' Affairs Committee: to serve those who have served. It is a task I take very seriously as do my colleagues.

We continually strive to deliver on the promise to America's service-women and -men as they become veterans; that we will take care of you just as you have taken care of us.

Because of this, I find it disheartening when I hear conversation gaining speed about veterans not deserving the benefits provided to them or of defrauding the compensation and pension system en masse: Project 2025, The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, and The Washington Post.

We have even heard this from some veterans themselves at recent congressional hearings that somehow veterans' benefits make them lazy and reward exaggeration, but I know, as does America, that this is a ridiculous notion.

I think Senator DUCKWORTH put it perfectly when she said: 'Portraying disabled veterans as a group of takers who will happily never work again for \$3,100 a month is incredibly condescending and disrespectful to these heroic Americans.'

Our veterans have sworn an oath to risk life and limb to protect our Nation. They are honorable and forthright, and they deserve whatever assistance they need post-service to live happy, healthy, productive lives. The sacrifices they make and wounds they take occur not just on the battlefield but in training and on the home front, as well.

These veterans don't just serve alone. Military families sacrifice right alongside their servicemember. Many are exposed to the same hazardous environments as those in uniform. They are left to care for that servicemember when their time is done, and they do so willingly and with courage.

Mr. Speaker, to denigrate them by suggesting the system of veterans' benefits is overgenerous is grossly insulting to me, and I am sure to Americans, as well. If anything, we know there are still a great deal of toxic exposures, locations, injuries, and illnesses that VA doesn't recognize or cover.

Too many veterans and their families are left waiting for help. If anything, we must be more generous, and that is why I am in strong support of this legislation. Raising the compensation owed to our veterans to adjust to the cost of living is a small-in-dollar amount but large-in-significance gesture to demonstrate to veterans and their families that we see them, we understand their plight, and we can and will do what we must to help them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support our veterans and their families by supporting this legislation. On the heels of Veterans Day, when we honor those who have served and sacrificed for us, I urge every American to rededicate themselves to uplifting the veterans in all communities across this country.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LUTTRELL), who himself is a decorated veteran and knows these issues very well.

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2392.

First, I thank Senator MORAN and Senator BLUMENTHAL for leading this bill in the Senate. I also thank the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, Mr. MORGAN McGARVEY, and Mr. TAKANO for joining me in co-leading the House companion of S. 2392.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, I am dedicated to serving my fellow veterans. This legislation is necessary to ensure that benefits paid to veterans, who are disabled as a result of their military service, do not lose value because of economic change outside of their control.

Without their disability compensation benefits, veterans may not be able to afford the cost-of-living increase. Many disabled veterans and their families rely on their benefits to help pay for necessities like mortgage payments and groceries.

I know there are veterans in my district currently struggling to stay healthy and make ends meet. Personal finances and being able to pay your bills are a major source of stress and anxiety for so many veterans, survivors, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, passing this cost-of-living adjustment provides them with the peace of mind they deserve and access to benefits they are owed. I know many of my House colleagues are committed to serving their veteran constituents, which is why I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY), my good friend who serves on our Economic Opportunity Subcommittee and our Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2392, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025.

Last Tuesday, we marked Veterans Day. Like many of our colleagues, I joined the western New York community to honor those who selflessly served our country and their family members who have carried the weight of that service with unwavering strength. I was reminded of their commitment to this country and how the liberties we enjoy today were paid for in duty, courage, sacrifice, and blood.

□ 1610

Yet, honoring their service demands more than just a simple thank-you. It requires us to live up to our moral obligation to support their health, homes, education, families, and futures.

These principles continue to guide me as a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs because our veterans deserve only the best for their service. It pains me to hear stories of veterans who have to choose between having a roof over their head and putting food on the table because of the affordability crisis in this country.

The reason that is happening is clear. Current veterans' benefits are not keeping pace with the increased cost of living. That should cause alarm to every single Member of this body.

The benefits our veterans received after they served our country are not gifts or handouts. They are part of a sacred obligation to ensure that those who have defended our freedoms can live with dignity, security, and opportunity.

When veterans struggle to meet their basic needs, it is not just a personal burden. It is a national moral failure.

Ensuring that benefits keep up with the cost of living isn't just the right thing to do. It is the smart thing to do economically.

It promotes stability, reduces uncertainty, and allows veterans to remain active, contributing members of the community they helped to protect.

That is exactly why we need the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act. It will immediately make critical changes to veterans' benefits just in time for the holidays.

By adjusting the rate of these benefits to keep pace with inflation and align with annual increases from the Social Security Administration, our veterans will not have to choose between medication, housing, groceries, or utility bills.

Honoring and supporting our veterans should never be a partisan issue. It is a matter of national character. It makes good on the promise made to our military heroes when they answer the call to duty.

I will proudly be voting to support this legislation, and I urge all of my colleagues to do the same.

Let us honor veterans not only with ceremonies and speeches but with policies that uphold their well-being year-round.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN), my good friend.

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill that ensures our veterans, including the thousands who call Guam home, receive the compensation adjustment they have earned through service and sacrifice.

Guam has one of the highest per capita veteran populations in the Nation, and these cost-of-living increases are essential for families facing high costs and limited healthcare options.

This legislation is simple, bipartisan, and just. It honors every servicemember who stood the watch, from the Indo-Pacific to every corner of the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support our veterans and pass this bill.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MORRISON), my good friend who serves on our Subcommittee on Health and our Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 2392, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act.

This bipartisan legislation would provide a 2.8 percent cost-of-living increase for VA disability benefits, like disability compensation and clothing allowance, as well as survivor benefits, such as dependency and indemnity compensation.

Veterans and their families are entitled to and owed these benefits, and it is our responsibility in Congress to ensure that we continue to provide the utility and financial stability they deserve.

Affordability is a top concern for all of my constituents, including the veterans in my community. This adjustment is necessary to help ensure that our veterans and their families can keep pace with the cost of living.

As a cosponsor of this legislation and a member of the Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee, I am pleased that we are able to come together on a bipartisan basis to pass this bill that will do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I want to end by thanking the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LUTTRELL) and the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. McGARVEY) for their leadership on this important bill. I also thank the chair and ranking member for their support, as well. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this legislation.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am ready to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on S. 2392, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, once again, I encourage all of our Members to vote "yes."

Mr. Speaker, I thank our veterans. This is the right piece of legislation and something that we need to do, and make sure we do every year, to make sure that those costs of living are covered for our veterans and their survivors.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2392.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE JULY 4 FLOODING IN TEXAS, HONORING ACTS OF HEROISM, AND COMMITTING TO STAND WITH THOSE IMPACTED BY THESE FLOODS

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 782) expressing condolences and support for the victims of the July 4 flooding in Texas, honoring acts of heroism, and committing to stand with those impacted by these floods.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 782

Whereas, on July 4, 2025, catastrophic heavy rain and flash floods swept across the Texas Hill Country, causing devastating loss of life, widespread destruction of homes and infrastructure, and immeasurable heartbreak for families and communities throughout the region;

Whereas Governor Greg Abbott promptly issued a disaster declaration for the affected counties, ensuring that State resources and support were made immediately available to first responders and affected communities, and pledged continued collaboration with local leaders;

Whereas the flooding affected numerous counties, straining local resources and leaving thousands displaced or in need of urgent assistance;

Whereas the catastrophic floods are responsible for the tragic loss of at least 135 individuals, including at least 37 children, many of whom were attending summer camp in Kerr County, where counselors and campers alike faced unimaginable peril;

Whereas communities across central Texas have endured loss of life, property, and security, with families mourning loved ones and neighborhoods forever changed by the disaster;

Whereas first responders from across Federal, State, and local governments, emergency personnel, and volunteers demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness, rescuing over 850 individuals from life-threatening situations;

Whereas, on July 6, 2025, President Donald Trump promptly signed a major disaster declaration, ensuring that Federal resources and support were made immediately available to first responders and affected communities, and pledged continued collaboration with State and local leaders;

Whereas Federal, State, and local leaders have worked tirelessly on the ground to coordinate relief efforts and provide leadership to the people of Texas and those impacted during this unprecedented tragedy;

Whereas stories of heroism emerged from the tragedy, such as the staff and counselors and older campers at camps such as Camp Mystic and Camp La Junta who guided children to safety, embodying the indomitable spirit of Texas;

Whereas neighbors, faith communities, and local and national organizations mobilized to provide shelter, food, and comfort to those affected, reflecting the compassion and resilience that defines Texas; and

Whereas the path to recovery will be long and challenging, requiring unity, empathy, and sustained support from all levels of government and every corner of Texas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) mourns the profound loss of life and extends its deepest condolences to the families, friends, and communities forever changed by this tragedy;

(2) honors the courage and sacrifice of first responders, volunteers, and everyday Texans who risked their lives to save others and support their neighbors in need;

(3) encourages all relevant authorities to prioritize the rebuilding of critical infrastructure and public facilities damaged by the flooding, and to ensure access to assistance for all residents, especially the most vulnerable; and

(4) stands united with all those affected by the July 4 flooding, pledging ongoing support and remembrance as the process of healing and rebuilding continues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. FIGURES) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD on H. Res. 782.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution also honors the brave first responders who risked their lives while rescuing over 850 souls.

It further pledges our commitment to stand in solidarity with the survivors of this unspeakable tragedy and the families who lost loved ones.

My own family has attended summer camps in the Hill Country for many generations, and my grandchildren were there only days before these tragic floods.

The July floods stole the lives of over 135 innocent people, including 37 children, some of them my own constituents in District 36.

It wreaked havoc on over 2,000 homes and businesses throughout Kerr County and inflicted \$1.1 billion worth of damage on the residences across the Hill Country. Just seeing the tremendous damage in person done by this disaster was an unbelievable experience.

I am very proud of the President's response. By swiftly issuing a major disaster declaration, FEMA has been able to approve \$38 million in individual assistance, as well as \$31 million in public assistance.

This tragedy prompted the Committee on Science, Space, and Tech-

nology, under my chairmanship, to pass the Weather Act Authorization. This legislation will improve emergency preparedness for communities nationwide and deliver vital enhancements to our forecasting capabilities, which is why it must be brought to the House floor soon.

While the Federal response has been both vigorous and robust, it is the duty of this Congress to offer solace and comfort to the people of Texas. This resolution today will do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman and my good friend from Texas—this tragedy occurred in his district—Congressman CHIP ROY, for his able leadership on this bipartisan resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, support H. Res. 782 to express condolences and support for the victims of the July 4 flooding in Texas and also to honor the acts of heroism and commit to stand with those impacted by the floods through the rebuilding.

The floods that tore through the Texas Hill Country were devastating beyond words. There were 135 lives lost, and many, many lives changed forever in terms of having to endure it, some of whom we had the privilege of seeing here in this House last July. Three souls are actually still missing. Families have been shattered, communities submerged, and more than 200 homes damaged. Businesses and infrastructure were crippled.

Before I go any further, I will take a moment to acknowledge a heart-breaking loss that my district felt with this that has touched the Mobile, Alabama, community deeply. We are grieving the tragic deaths of four members of the same family, the Santana family, a family of military veterans: Eddie, Sr., aged 69; Ileana, his wife, aged 66; Camille, their daughter-in-law, aged 38; and Mila Rose, just 5 years old. While visiting the Hill Country, they were caught in the floods on that tragic evening.

Only one member of that family, Eddie Santana, Jr., survived. I ask that we continue to hold him in our hearts and include his entire family in our prayers as they now face a future with unimaginable sorrow.

To all those grieving, I offer my most sincere condolences. The horror of this disaster is truly hard for any of us to comprehend. Yet, in the face of tragedy, we saw extraordinary courage. First responders across Texas, the U.S. Coast Guard, and volunteers from across the country sprang into action, risking their lives to save countless others. We are eternally grateful for their service and sacrifice.

Though the water has receded in Kerr County, the work is far from over. We must rebuild homes, restore infrastructure, and revive local businesses. However, we must also analyze our Federal

response and ensure we ask the necessary questions and make the necessary changes.

We know now, in light of the tragedy, that the highly specialized search and rescue teams were delayed by over 3 days in getting there. Members also inquired recently about why some call center contracts had lapsed in the days leading up to and following the flood, leaving some survivors' calls unanswered.

Subsequent reports have indicated that a policy at DHS is a contributing factor, a policy that required the Secretary to personally approve any expenditures over \$100,000. This is something that we have to analyze, and we must make the necessary changes.

Reports have also revealed that payments for vital disaster recovery projects beyond this one, in North Carolina, have been indefinitely delayed. This is not something we can tolerate in response to this tragedy.

If we are going to rebuild the Hill Country with the urgency Texans deserve, the bottlenecks must be eliminated. Without this change, we cannot stand here and say that we are doing everything in our power to help Texas.

I am encouraged by the bipartisan efforts on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. We recently passed the FEMA Act with a 57-3 vote. This legislation would dramatically overhaul FEMA and deliver swift resources to disaster survivors. I urge House leadership to bring this bill to the floor without delay.

Before I close, I will take a moment to acknowledge that when it was brought to my knowledge that the family from Mobile, Alabama, was impacted by this flood, I, being a freshman Member of Congress, reached out to some of my Republican colleagues and asked for the number of CHIP ROY. CHIP ROY and I had never really had a conversation before that, but I texted him and I called him.

CHIP was understandably busy, and he responded back to a text message. I said: CHIP, we have got a family of five missing from my hometown.

CHIP didn't ask questions. CHIP just said: Send me their names and send me where they were. I did. Unfortunately, the results were what they were. However, I appreciate CHIP's response. I do. I know the families impacted by this appreciate his diligence here as well.

I will close saying I support H. Res. 782 and urge my colleagues to do the same. Let's honor the victims, support the survivors, and ensure our Nation responds better and faster in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Roy), the resolution's sponsor.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Texas for his leadership on this. I thank all my colleagues from Texas for their support not just on this resolution, but throughout the ordeal

back in July and since, as we continue to work through the tragedy and find the lives that have been lost.

We are still looking for several, as the gentleman from Alabama noted. I appreciate the kind words from the gentleman from Alabama. There is no time for politics when you are dealing with moments like that. I appreciated engaging with him. I wish it had been a better outcome, but I do appreciate our engagement on that to try to do what we can for the families that were impacted.

I will say a few things about this. I have never done a resolution. I generally don't like to focus on resolutions. I feel like we are here to do the business of the people. In this instance, I felt compelled to bring a resolution to the floor on behalf of the people of the Hill Country and on behalf of the families affected throughout the country, as the gentleman from Alabama noted.

It wasn't just that. It was our colleague from Georgia, BUDDY CARTER, who had family impacted by it. Some survived, but at least one little girl didn't. I could go through the list, but it affected many people in this Chamber. The gentlewoman from Texas, LIZZIE FLETCHER, who herself went to camps in the Hill Country, had constituents who were affected by it and many others. I felt compelled to bring this resolution to the floor, and I will explain why in just a minute.

I thank the leadership of so many people in response to the floods that ravaged the community in the Hill Country. It is hard to put into words exactly how bad it was. Two days after the flood, I drove down the river with one of my staffers. It looked essentially like an F5 tornado just ripped down the valley. There were 100-plus-year-old cypress trees that were just laid flat. There is so much vegetation waste that has been piled up, I think it would cover something like 100 football fields 10 feet tall. There is so much damage that was done alongside the river.

I raise that because there are so many recriminations and questions—it is not a political thing—since the floods, but it is hard to put into words the momentous event that it was when it struck at 4 o'clock in the morning on July 4.

There are things that no doubt could be done differently. A lot of this is going to be played out over time in litigation and legislation. That is not really the story for me. That is not what I will remember. That is not what I will carry forward.

I will carry forward, and I thank personally the President of the United States; Susie Wiles; the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem; and the leadership that engaged from the Federal level to the State to the local level: Governor Abbott; the Lieutenant Governor; the head of the Texas Department of Emergency Management, Nim Kidd; the head of DPS, Freeman

Martin; all of the leadership in Kerr County, Sheriff Leitha in particular; the people in the community who stepped up; all of the first responders; and the Coast Guard, as the gentleman from Alabama mentioned.

All of these are people who responded and stood up immediately and didn't point fingers. They just got together at an emergency center and figured out what to do. They came together to deliver as quick a result as you could, saved many lives in the process, and then dealt with the loss of life that came from the flood.

We will manage through this as we go forward, whether it is in Texas or here, whatever policies we change. That is what you do. That is how you learn and you make policies and you adapt.

I want to make a point about the things that we know are impacted, things that will never be the same. Those cypress trees that were 100 years old, those are not going to be the same for hundreds of years. The damage that was done to the community, the buildings that were ravaged, the little girls whose lives were lost, the people who were down there vacationing whose lives were lost, the camps that were destroyed—Camp Mystic, Camp La Junta, Heart O' the Hills—that are now either moving or having to redo their entire models and plans, none of those things are going to be the same. All of those things are now forever changed.

However, there is one thing that is enduring. I talked about it when we talked about this the week after it happened when we came back into this Chamber, and that is the cross that sits on the hill in Kerrville. It is the faith of the people of Kerrville and Kerr County, Texas, that came together under that cross to stand up for something bigger and a vision that is much greater than the tragedy that we endured.

What is actually going to endure and carry forward is a strong faith and a commitment in honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, the people who came together in prayer along the streets of Kerrville that comforted families, the \$150 million that was raised through the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country from all over the country and heavily from Texans, the concerts that were held, the events that were carried out.

All of this stuff came together so that people could not look to point fingers—look, there are questions that will be asked—but to come together in a tragedy to stand tall and to come together in a bond about something that is greater than the loss of life but that will carry forward and endure forever. That is what I will remember about this. We are going to rebuild. We are going to continue to work.

I appreciate this resolution. It is important for the United States House of Representatives to recognize this. I urge its support and adoption, and I am

deeply appreciative of my friend from Texas and all those who have cosponsored the resolution.

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Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, again, I support House Resolution 728, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. Again, I express my sincere appreciation to Congressman CHIP ROY for helping out my district and the citizens of my district during this critical time.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, in closing, this resolution will cement unwavering support of this Congress to the brave folks from the great State of Texas. To honor the lives lost and the perseverance of the survivors, it is our duty to pass this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of H. Res. 782, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res 782.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DHS INTELLIGENCE ROTATIONAL ASSIGNMENT PROGRAM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT ACT

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2212) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2212

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ‘‘DHS Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program and Law Enforcement Support Act’’.

SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ROTATIONAL ASSIGNMENT PROGRAM.

Section 844 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 414) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘‘(b) OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (ODNI) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CIVILIAN JOINT DUTY PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall require all components of the Department that are members of the DHS Intelligence Enterprise to participate in the ODNI Intelligence Community Civilian Joint Duty Program in a manner consistent with the policies established by the Director of National Intelligence for the Program.’’

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2212.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2212, the DHS Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program and Law Enforcement Support Act. This bill will improve the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis collaboration with the wider intelligence community.

As the only intelligence agency with a duty to share information with State and local law enforcement, it is imperative the Office of Intelligence and Analysis analysts have effective partnerships within the intelligence community.

In addition, I also want to take a second to express my gratitude to the rest of my Committee on Homeland Security colleagues on both sides of the aisle as we work to advance over a dozen bipartisan pieces of legislation to the House floor this week. As chairman, I look forward to sending many more legislative priorities to the House floor.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for H.R. 2212, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill which directs the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to require all components of the Department of Homeland Security intelligence enterprise to participate in the intelligence community’s Civilian Joint Duty Program.

The Civilian Joint Duty Program allows professionals across the 18 U.S. intelligence agencies to temporarily work in a different U.S. intelligence organization to broaden their skills beyond their home agencies.

Requiring the participation of all DHS intelligence offices in the program will expose the DHS intelligence workforce to best practices in the field and promote cross-organizational networks.

H.R. 2212 not only supports the professional development of the DHS intelligence workforce but fosters more information sharing and better positions DHS to identify and mitigate threats to the homeland.

Mr. Speaker, I support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MACKENZIE).

Mr. MACKENZIE. Madam Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 2212, the DHS Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program and Law Enforcement Support Act.

Next year, our Nation will mark the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. As we approach this solemn milestone, it is important that we reflect on the progress we have made in preventing attacks, as well as the areas where we can continue to improve.

Countless Americans work every day across numerous agencies to keep our citizens safe from potential threats. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, the intelligence community was strengthened and its ranks were bolstered. Because of their work, and the courage of our veterans and servicemembers, our Nation has been spared from similar attacks.

We thank all of those who serve our Nation, both as civilians and servicemembers, in the fight to secure our homeland.

Despite this success, we remain vigilant in the face of continuing threats against our country. That means continuing to analyze our tactics, refine our strategies, and ensure that critical information is efficiently shared between agencies.

Information silos are not unique to the intelligence community, but the need to overcome them is more acute. The consequences are far greater if there are problems that arise. The intelligence community’s ability to detect and prevent attacks against our homeland depends on coordinated and efficient information flows.

We expect smooth interaction and joint maneuvers from our Nation’s warfighters, and we depend upon the same thing across all components of our intelligence community.

However, this coordination can be improved. In 2017, the inspectors general of the Intelligence Community, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Justice all completed a report that noted the DHS intelligence enterprise was not as effective and as valuable as it could be. This was attributed, in part, to a lack of unity throughout the DHS intelligence enterprise.

For the intelligence community, the stakes could not be higher. Our Nation’s security depends on streamlined coordination across agencies. That is why this bill ensures that the intelligence components of DHS are fully integrated within joint duty programs across the broader intelligence community. This allows intelligence analysts at DHS to sharpen their knowledge and expertise by spending time across different agencies.

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These benefits are similar to what many Americans have experienced throughout private industry. As a one-time board member for the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board and as Republican chair of the Pennsylvania House Labor and Industry

Committee, I got to see how innovative ideas like these can improve workplaces. Gaining experience and making contacts across departments can enhance the efficiency and morale of the organization, helping them to achieve their objectives.

Rotational programs can take employees out of their respective bubbles, helping them see the big picture of the organization and the important roles that are played by employees in other areas.

These same principles and strategies can certainly be translated into the homeland security space, where wider knowledge and institutional connections mean stronger security. By giving DHS staff the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills from throughout the department, we give the intelligence community a leg up in the fight to protect our Nation.

It is time for Congress to codify DHS' Intelligence Rotational Assignment program and ensure that our intelligence community has the breadth of experience necessary to tackle the threats of tomorrow.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2212, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I again, urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2212, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2212, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY VEHICULAR TERRORISM PREVENTION AND MITIGATION ACT OF 2025

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1608) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to produce a report on emerging threats and countermeasures related to vehicular terrorism, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1608

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) On January 1, 2025, a devastating vehicular terrorist attack occurred on Bourbon Street in New Orleans, Louisiana, when an assailant

inspired by the Islamic State drove a vehicle into a crowd and engaged in a shootout with law enforcement. This tragic incident resulted in the loss of 14 lives and injuries to at least thirty-five others, including two police officers.

(2) Vehicle-ramming attacks and other vehicular terrorist incidents represent an enduring and evolving threat to public safety in the United States and around the world, targeting innocent civilians and first responders.

(3) These attacks, carried out by both organized terrorist groups and individual actors, often aim to exploit high-density public gatherings, critical infrastructure, and key transportation hubs, causing mass casualties and widespread disruption.

(4) Emerging automotive technologies, such as autonomous vehicles, Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) capabilities, and ride-sharing platforms, create new vulnerabilities that could be leveraged by malicious actors to conduct sophisticated vehicle-based attacks.

(5) The Department of Homeland Security, through agencies like the Transportation Security Administration and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, plays a vital role in detecting, assessing, and mitigating the risks associated with vehicle-based threats.

(6) Strengthened coordination between Federal, State, local, Tribal, territorial, and private sector stakeholders is essential to enhance prevention, preparedness, and response efforts, ensuring the safety of communities across the nation.

SEC. 3. REPORT ON EMERGING THREATS AND COUNTERMEASURES RELATED TO VEHICULAR TERRORISM.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration and the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the Department of Homeland Security’s efforts to prevent, deter, and respond to vehicular terrorism.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the current and emerging threats posed by vehicular terrorism, as well as the following:

(i) An analysis of the methods, tactics, and motivations used by perpetrators of vehicular terrorism.

(ii) An evaluation of domestic and international trends in vehicular terrorism.

(iii) An identification of potential future threats related to the misuse of connected or autonomous vehicles, Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS)-equipped vehicles, ride-sharing services, and advancements in automotive technologies, including cybersecurity threats to underlying software technologies (including artificial intelligence-enabled technologies) powering autonomous vehicles.

(B) A review of higher-risk locations and events that may be vulnerable to vehicular terrorism, including the following:

(i) Critical infrastructure sites such as the following:

(I) Airports.

(II) Seaports.

(III) Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial government facilities.

(IV) Power plants.

(V) Substations.

(VI) Oil refineries.

(VII) Public transportation hubs.

(VIII) Healthcare facilities.

(ii) Soft-targets and crowded spaces, including mass gatherings and widely attended events such as parades, concerts, sporting events, political rallies, holiday markets, places of worship, public demonstrations, and ceremonial events.

(iii) High-density urban areas with limited physical security measures such as

pedestrianized city centers, commercial districts, residential neighborhoods, public parks, recreational areas, educational institutions, and tourist destinations.

(C) A comprehensive summary of actions taken by the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to research measures that prevent, deter, and respond to vehicular terrorism, including the following:

(i) The identification and coordination with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and industry partners for the strategic placement of physical barriers, bollards, and other protective infrastructure at higher-risk locations.

(ii) The research, testing, and deployment of geofencing, surveillance systems, cybersecurity measures, and other technologies designed to monitor, restrict, and manage vehicle access to such higher-risk locations.

(iii) The creation of real-time response strategies and operational plans to neutralize vehicular terrorism, including ongoing research into best practices for threat detection, incident management, and threat containment.

(D) An evaluation of the Department’s engagement with private and public sector stakeholders to address risks of vehicular terrorism, including the following:

(i) Collaboration with vehicle rental companies, ride-sharing platforms, vendors of connected, autonomous, and ADAS technologies, freight operators, and automotive manufacturers.

(ii) Development of industry-specific best practices to prevent the misuse of vehicles.

(iii) Protocols for sharing threat intelligence and security guidance with private sector partners.

(E) A description of the Department’s coordination efforts with Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies to prevent vehicular terrorism, including the following:

(i) Mechanisms for sharing threat intelligence and situational awareness.

(ii) Guidance provided to such law enforcement agencies regarding implementing countermeasures, such as traffic control measures and rapid vehicle containment protocols.

(iii) Joint exercises and training programs to enhance interagency preparedness and response.

(iv) Efforts to equip law enforcement, first responders, and private sector partners with the knowledge and skills to recognize and respond to vehicular terrorism, including the development of specialized curricula addressing emerging threats, such as connected or autonomous vehicles and other advanced technologies.

(v) Outreach efforts to ensure that smaller jurisdictions have access to necessary training resources and public safety awareness tools.

(F) Recommendations for the research, development, and deployment of technologies to detect, deter, and mitigate vehicular terrorism, including the following:

(i) Vehicle immobilization systems and remote disablement technologies.

(ii) Predictive analytics and threat detection software that incorporate artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms to identify and flag in real time anomalous or suspicious vehicle behavior, as well as associated technologies to disable or divert a vehicle before it becomes a threat.

(iii) Innovations in cybersecurity to prevent the hacking or misuse of connected, autonomous, or ADAS-equipped vehicles.

(G) A description of the Department’s engagement with privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties stakeholders to ensure all countermeasures and technologies, including artificial-intelligence and machine learning algorithms, deployed to prevent vehicular terrorism are implemented in a manner that respects individual rights and freedoms.

(H) A review of the Department's public awareness initiatives focused on the following:

(i) Educating the public on recognizing suspicious vehicle-related behavior and reporting potential threats.

(ii) Building trust and fostering collaboration between communities and law enforcement agencies.

(iii) Enhancing resilience by encouraging community-based security measures.

(I) Such other elements as the Secretary of Homeland Security considers appropriate.

(3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in classified form, but may include an unclassified executive summary.

(4) PUBLICATION.—The unclassified executive summary of the report required under paragraph (1) shall be published on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Homeland Security.

(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the submission of the report under subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of such report.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

(2) VEHICULAR TERRORISM.—The term “vehicular terrorism” means an action that utilizes automotive transportation to commit terrorism (as such term is defined in section 2(18) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101(18))).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1608.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1608, the Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025.

Following the vehicular terrorism incident in New Orleans on New Year's Day and as the U.S. prepares to host several major sporting events starting next year, it is more important than ever that the Department of Homeland Security take a leading role in addressing the threat of vehicular terrorism.

This legislation will require DHS to conduct a comprehensive assessment of emerging threats and potential countermeasures.

Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1608, the Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025.

In the early morning on New Year's Day this year, an assailant carried out a devastating truck attack against pedestrians in New Orleans, killing 14 victims plus the perpetrator and injuring at least 57 others.

This attack is the latest in a string of attacks using vehicles to inflict significant harm.

H.R. 1608 would enhance the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to address threats posed by vehicular terrorism.

Madam Speaker, I support the bill's advancement, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ).

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my bill, H.R. 1608, the Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025.

On New Year's Day 2025, our Nation was shaken by a horrific ISIS-inspired attack in New Orleans that took the lives of 14 innocent people and injured dozens more.

This tragedy is a stark reminder that vehicles are increasingly being weaponized as instruments of terror. H.R. 1608 directs the Department of Homeland Security to confront the growing threat of vehicle-based attacks. It mandates a comprehensive assessment of current and emerging tactics, including the potential misuse of autonomous vehicles, rideshare platforms, and connected vehicle technologies.

Further, the bill strengthens coordination between Federal, State, and local governments and the private sector to better safeguard public gatherings, critical infrastructure, and high-density urban areas.

I thank Congressman TROY CARTER, who represents the community devastated by the New Year's Day attack, for his partnership and leadership on this effort.

This practical and bipartisan legislation is about honoring the lives we lost by doing everything possible to prevent and mitigate future attacks. With major events on the horizon, including America250, the FIFA World Cup, and the Los Angeles Olympics, we must ensure every necessary security measure is in place to protect the millions of visitors and attendees these events will bring.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1608.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close.

This bill will help make life easier for all Americans by pushing DHS to

advance its efforts to prevent vehicular terrorism.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes,” and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers. In closing, I, again, urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1608, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1608, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

STRENGTHENING CYBER RESILIENCE AGAINST STATE-SPONSORED THREATS ACT

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2659) to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by Peoples Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2659

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act”.

SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE AND REPORT ON THE TARGETING OF UNITED STATES CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE BY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA STATE-SPONSORED CYBER ACTORS.

(a) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the Department of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the heads of appropriate Sector Risk Management Agencies as determined by the Director of CISA, shall establish a joint interagency task force (in this section referred to as the “task force”) to facilitate collaboration and coordination among the Sector Risk Management Agencies assigned a Federal role or responsibility in National Security Memorandum-22, issued April 30, 2024 (relating to critical infrastructure security and resilience), or any successor document, to detect, analyze, and respond to the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China

by ensuring that such agencies' actions are aligned and mutually reinforcing.

(b) CHAIRS.—

(1) CHAIRPERSON.—The Director of CISA (or the Director of CISA's designee) shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

(2) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (or such Director's designee) shall serve as the vice chairperson of the task force.

(c) COMPOSITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The task force shall consist of appropriate representatives of the departments and agencies specified in subsection (a).

(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—To materially assist in the activities of the task force, representatives under paragraph (1) should be subject matter experts who have familiarity and technical expertise regarding cybersecurity, digital forensics, or threat intelligence analysis, or in-depth knowledge of the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) commonly used by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China.

(d) VACANCY.—Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(e) ESTABLISHMENT FLEXIBILITY.—To avoid redundancy, the task force may coordinate with any preexisting task force, working group, or cross-intelligence effort within the Homeland Security Enterprise or the intelligence community that has examined or responded to the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China.

(f) TASK FORCE REPORTS; BRIEFING.—

(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 540 days after the establishment of the task force, the task force shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the first report containing the initial findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the task force.

(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the submission of the initial report under paragraph (1) and annually thereafter for five years, the task force shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an annual report containing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the task force.

(3) CONTENTS.—The reports under this subsection shall include the following:

(A) An assessment at the lowest classification feasible of the sector-specific risks, trends relating to incidents impacting sectors, and tactics, techniques, and procedures utilized by or relating to State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China.

(B) An assessment of additional resources and authorities needed by Federal departments and agencies to better counter the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China.

(C) A classified assessment of the extent of potential destruction, compromise, or disruption to United States critical infrastructure by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China in the event of a major crisis or future conflict between the People's Republic of China and the United States.

(D) A classified assessment of the ability of the United States to counter the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China in the event of a major crisis or future conflict between the People's Republic of China and the United States, including with respect to different cybersecurity measures and recommendations that could mitigate such a threat.

(E) A classified assessment of the ability of State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China to disrupt operations of the United States Armed Forces by hindering mobility across critical infrastructure such as rail, aviation, and ports, including how such would impair the ability of the United States Armed Forces to deploy and maneuver forces effectively.

(F) A classified assessment of the economic and social ramifications of a disruption to one or multiple United States critical infrastructure sectors by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China in the event of a major crisis or future conflict between the People's Republic of China and the United States.

(G) Such recommendations as the task force may have for the Homeland Security Enterprise, the intelligence community, or critical infrastructure owners and operators to improve the detection and mitigation of the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China.

(H) A one-time plan for an awareness campaign to familiarize critical infrastructure owners and operators with security resources and support offered by Federal departments and agencies to mitigate the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China.

(4) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the submission of each report under this subsection, the task force shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a classified briefing on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the task force.

(5) FORM.—Each report under this subsection shall be submitted in classified form, consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, but may include an unclassified executive summary.

(6) PUBLICATION.—The unclassified executive summary of each report required under this subsection shall be published on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Homeland Security.

(g) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of CISA, the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the heads of appropriate Sector Risk Management Agencies, as determined by the Director of CISA, shall provide to the task force such information, documents, analysis, assessments, findings, evaluations, inspections, audits, or reviews relating to efforts to counter the cybersecurity threat posed by State-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, of the People's Republic of China as the task force considers necessary to carry out this section.

(2) RECEIPT, HANDLING, STORAGE, AND DISSEMINATION.—Information, documents, analysis, assessments, findings, evaluations, inspections, audits, and reviews described in this subsection shall be received, handled, stored, and disseminated only by members of the task force consistent with all applicable statutes, regulations, and Executive orders.

(3) SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR TASK FORCE MEMBERS.—No member of the task force may be provided with access to classified information under this section without the appropriate security clearances.

(h) TERMINATION.—The task force, and all the authorities of this section, shall terminate on the date that is 60 days after the final briefing required under subsection (h)(4).

(i) EXEMPTION FROM FACA.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Federal Advisory Com-

mittee Act’), shall not apply to the task force.

(j) EXEMPTION FROM PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the ‘‘Paperwork Reduction Act’’), shall not apply to the task force.

(k) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ‘‘appropriate congressional committees’’ means—

(A) the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on Judiciary, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on Judiciary, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(2) ASSETS.—The term ‘‘assets’’ means a person, structure, facility, information, material, equipment, network, or process, whether physical or virtual, that enables an organization's services, functions, or capabilities.

(3) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term ‘‘critical infrastructure’’ has the meaning given such term in section 1016(e) of Public Law 107-56 (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)).

(4) CYBERSECURITY THREAT.—The term ‘‘cybersecurity threat’’ has the meaning given such term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

(5) HOMELAND SECURITY ENTERPRISE.—The term ‘‘Homeland Security Enterprise’’ has the meaning given such term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

(6) INCIDENT.—The term ‘‘incident’’ has the meaning given such term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

(7) INFORMATION SHARING.—The term ‘‘information sharing’’ means the bidirectional sharing of timely and relevant information concerning a cybersecurity threat posed by a State-sponsored cyber actor of the People's Republic of China to United States critical infrastructure.

(8) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term ‘‘intelligence community’’ has the meaning given such term in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

(9) LOCALITY.—The term ‘‘locality’’ means any local government authority or agency or component thereof within a State having jurisdiction over matters at a county, municipal, or other local government level.

(10) SECTOR.—The term ‘‘sector’’ means a collection of assets, systems, networks, entities, or organizations that provide or enable a common function for national security (including national defense and continuity of Government), national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof.

(11) SECTOR RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—The term ‘‘Sector Risk Management Agency’’ has the meaning given such term in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 650).

(12) STATE.—The term ‘‘State’’ means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(13) SYSTEMS.—The term ‘‘systems’’ means a combination of personnel, structures, facilities, information, materials, equipment, networks, or processes, whether physical or virtual, integrated or interconnected for a specific purpose that enables an organization's services, functions, or capabilities.

(14) UNITED STATES.—The term ‘‘United States’’, when used in a geographic sense, means any State of the United States.

(15) VOLT TYPHOON.—The term “Volt Typhoon” means the People’s Republic of China State-sponsored cyber actor described in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency cybersecurity advisory entitled “PRC State-Sponsored Actors Compromise and Maintain Persistent Access to U.S. Critical Infrastructure”, issued on February 07, 2024, or any successor advisory.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2659.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2659, the Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act.

Following the revelations of the Typhoon actors sponsored by the People’s Republic of China, the committee found that the response of the previous administration was unsatisfactory. This legislation will create an interagency task force chaired by the Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to properly address the cybersecurity threat posed by the People’s Republic of China’s cyber actors.

Madam Speaker, I urge support, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2659, the Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act.

This bill establishes an interagency task force to coordinate efforts to combat cyber threats from the People’s Republic of China and establishes reporting requirements to ensure Congress is informed on administration efforts.

Under the Biden administration, CISA, FBI, and other Federal agencies established valuable partnerships to address the threats posed by Chinese state-backed threat actors such as Volt Typhoon and Salt Typhoon.

This bill codifies those efforts.

Unfortunately, hundreds of cybersecurity personnel have left CISA under Trump administration pressure, severely undermining the agency’s ability to defend critical infrastructure from cyber threats from the PRC and other adversaries.

I hope that passing this bill will help demonstrate to the administration the need to prioritize resources and personnel on combating serious cyber threats.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES).

Mr. OGLES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 2659, the Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act.

Earlier this year, I introduced this legislation because the United States is facing an increasingly coordinated and persistent effort by malicious cyber actors linked to the Government of the People’s Republic of China, the PRC. These groups represent one of the most serious national security challenges confronting our Nation today.

Reports from Federal agencies and private-sector partners over the past several years have shown that Chinese state-sponsored cyber actors, including Volt Typhoon, Salt Typhoon, and other PRC-affiliated groups, have been targeting the systems and services that Americans rely on every single day.

In committee, there has been testimony that 98 percent of our municipalities operate under cybersecurity poverty, meaning they don’t have the resources to defend themselves. These intrusions have affected communication providers, energy operators, water systems, transportation networks, and other sectors that are fundamental to public safety and economic stability.

What has become clear is that these actors are not simply trying to collect information. In many cases, they have attempted to position themselves inside sensitive systems for long periods of time, for years, in some cases, before being discovered.

Their activity indicates preparation for the possibility of major disruption during a time of crisis, including potentially over Taiwan. This is a serious strategic concern, and it demands a serious national response.

These groups often use advanced techniques that allow them to operate quietly within everyday system activity. They rely on legitimate tools and access privileges to conceal malicious behavior. This makes detection extremely difficult and allows intrusions to remain unnoticed until long after a compromise has taken place.

While Federal agencies have taken important steps to respond, the overall effort has revealed significant challenges in the way our government organizes its cybersecurity responsibilities. Multiple agencies share roles in protecting critical infrastructure, but they operate under different missions, structures, and authorities. Through fast-moving or complex incidents, these differences can slow the exchange of information and create uncertainty about responsibility and response actions.

H.R. 2659 addresses these gaps by directing the creation of a joint interagency task force led by the Cybersecu-

rity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CISA, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This task force will bring together the agencies that serve as sector risk management agencies, along with the intelligence community and other Federal partners with responsibility for critical infrastructure security.

The goal is straightforward: Federal actions must be aligned, coordinated, and based on a shared understanding of the threat environment.

The legislation also requires the task force to provide Congress with a detailed initial assessment, followed by annual reports for 5 years. These reports will offer insight into the tactics used by PRC-affiliated cyber actors, vulnerabilities across sectors, the potential impacts of disruptions during a major crisis, and any additional tools or authorities Federal agencies may need.

Classified briefings will ensure that Congress receives timely and accurate information necessary to evaluate our nationwide posture.

This bill strengthens unity and effort. It improves coordination. It increases visibility and accountability. It ensures that the United States can respond to foreign cyber aggression with preparation rather than reaction.

H.R. 2659 reflects lessons learned from real-world incidents. It elevates our national approach to cybersecurity, and it helps protect American communities from adversaries who are actively working to compromise the systems that support our way of life.

We cannot let a bureaucracy stand in the way of defending our Nation’s cybersecurity. I strongly urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close when the gentleman is prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I think I would be remiss if I did not mention the ranking member of the full committee and the ranking member of the subcommittee who worked so hard on getting this bill across the finish line. I am very excited that this is a very nice bipartisan effort on something that has to get done. There is a big focus that we have to have on the People’s Republic of China and what they are doing when it comes to cybersecurity.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2659, the Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act.

I thank Congressman OGLES for his leadership on this legislation and for his commitment to enhancing the security of our Nation’s critical infrastructure.

In recent years, the United States has faced an alarming surge in malicious cyber activity originating from

groups aligned with the Government of the People's Republic of China.

These actors have demonstrated a level of sophistication and planning that reflects both significant resources and a deep understanding of the essential systems that keep our country functioning.

Groups associated with the PRC, including those known as Volt Typhoon, Salt Typhoon, and others, have directed their attention toward the networks that deliver power, water, communications, transportation services, and other foundational systems relied upon by millions of Americans every day.

Their operations have shown a clear pattern. They look for ways to enter sensitive environments. They work to remain there as long as possible. They study the systems they infiltrate so that their presence blends into normal activity.

This type of long-term access is particularly concerning. When an adversary establishes persistent access to critical systems, even access that appears dormant, it creates the possibility of disruption at a future date.

The United States cannot allow foreign actors to position themselves in ways that could compromise public safety, interrupt essential services, or hinder our ability to respond in times of crisis.

The scale of targeting has also continued to expand. These cyber actors are now looking across multiple sectors at once, which means that our national response must be organized in a way that can match the breadth of the threat.

Federal responsibilities for protecting critical infrastructure are distributed across several departments, and each department has specific missions and authorities. That structure often works well during normal operations, but when confronted with a fast-moving and coordinated foreign threat, it can create gaps in communication and delay collective action.

H.R. 2659 provides a clear and practical solution to this challenge. The bill directs the creation of a joint interagency task force led by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency with support from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This task force will bring together the agencies responsible for overseeing individual sectors, the intelligence community, and other Federal partners. The purpose is to ensure that all relevant entities are sharing information, planning together, and taking action with a common understanding of the threat.

The legislation also strengthens the role of Congress by ensuring that we receive timely, comprehensive assessments of the threat landscape. These reports will help us understand sector-specific vulnerabilities, the methods used by the PRC-linked cyber actors, the potential consequences of disruption during a crisis, and the extent to

which Federal agencies may need additional tools or authorities.

This ongoing visibility is vital for effective oversight and for developing policies that reflect current and emerging challenges.

H.R. 2659 is a thoughtful and necessary step toward improving the resilience of our critical infrastructure. It lays the groundwork for a more unified and prepared Federal approach. It supports the operators who manage vital systems across our country. It strengthens our national posture against a foreign adversary that has already shown its willingness to target essential American services.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

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Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2659, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2659. I congratulate my colleague, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES) on the great work he did on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2659.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PROTECTING INFORMATION BY LOCAL LEADERS FOR AGENCY RESILIENCE ACT

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5078) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the State and local cybersecurity grant program of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5078

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Protecting Information by Local Leaders for Agency Resilience Act" or the "PILLAR Act".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CISA STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 2220A of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 665g) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (3), (4), (6), (8), (9), (10), and (11), respectively;

(B) by inserting before paragraph (3), as so redesignated, the following new paragraphs:

"(1) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term 'artificial intelligence' has the meaning given such term in section 5002(3) of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (enacted as division E of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9401(3))).

"(2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM.—The term 'artificial intelligence system' means any data system, software, hardware, application tool, or utility that operates in whole or in part using artificial intelligence.;"

(C) by inserting after paragraph (4), as so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

"(5) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term 'foreign entity of concern' has the meaning given such term in section 10634 of the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act (42 U.S.C. 19237; Public Law 117-167; popularly referred to as the 'CHIPS and Science Act')."; and

(D) by inserting after paragraph (6), as so redesignated, the following new paragraph:

"(7) MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION.—The term 'multi factor authentication' means an authentication system that requires more than one distinct type of authentication factor for successful authentication of a user, including by using a multi-factor authenticator or by combining single-factor authenticators that provide different types of factors.;"

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking "information systems owned" and inserting "information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.;"

(3) in subsection (d)(4), by striking "to the information systems owned" and inserting "to the information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.;"

(4) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking "information systems owned" and inserting "information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.;"

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by amending clauses (i) through (v) to read as follows:

"(i) manage, monitor, and track applications, user accounts, and information systems and operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, that are maintained, owned, or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity, or, if the eligible entity is a State, local governments within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, and the information technology deployed on such information systems or operational technology systems (as the case may be), including legacy information systems, operational technology systems, and information technology that are no longer supported by the manufacturer of the systems or technology at issue;

"(ii) monitor, audit, and track network traffic and activity transiting or traveling to or from applications, user accounts, and information systems and operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned, or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity or, if the eligible

entity is a State, local governments within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity;

“(iii) enhance the preparation, response, and resiliency of applications, user accounts, and information systems and operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned, or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity or, if the eligible entity is a State, local governments within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, against cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats;

“(iv) implement a process of continuous cybersecurity vulnerability assessments and threat mitigation practices prioritized by degree of risk to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats on applications, user accounts, and information systems and operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned, or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity or, if the eligible entity is a State, local governments within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity;

“(v) ensure that the eligible entity and, if the eligible entity is a State, local governments within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, adopt and use best practices and methodologies to enhance cybersecurity, particularly identity and access management solutions such as multi-factor authentication, which may include—

“(I) the practices set forth in a cybersecurity framework developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology or the Agency;

“(II) cyber chain supply chain risk management best practices identified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology or the Agency;

“(III) knowledge bases of adversary tools and tactics;

“(IV) technologies such as artificial intelligence; and

“(V) improving cyber incident response capabilities through adoption of automated cybersecurity practices.”;

(II) in clause (x), by inserting “or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence,” after “information systems”;

(III) in clause (xi)(I), by inserting “, including through Department of Homeland Security State, Local, and Regional Fusion Center Initiative under section 210(A)” before the semicolon;

(IV) in clause (xii), by inserting “, including for bolstering the resilience of outdated or vulnerable information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence” before the semicolon;

(V) by amending clause (xiii) to read as follows:

“(xiii) implement an information technology or operational technology, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, modernization cybersecurity review process that ensures alignment between information technology, operational technology, and artificial intelligence cybersecurity objectives.”;

(VI) in clause (xiv)(II)—

(aa) in item (aa), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(bb) in item (bb), by inserting “and” after the semicolon; and

(cc) by adding at the end the following new item:

“(cc) academic and nonprofit entities, including cybersecurity clinics and other nonprofit technical assistance programs.”; and

(VII) by amending clause (xv) to read as follows:

“(xv) ensure adequate access to, and participation in, the services and programs de-

scribed in this subparagraph by rural areas and other local governments with small populations within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity, including by direct outreach to such rural areas and local governments with small populations; and”;

(iii) in subparagraph (F)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(II) by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

“(ii) reducing cybersecurity risks to, and identifying, responding to, and recovering from cybersecurity threats to, information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity or, if the eligible entity is a State, local governments within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity; and”;

(III) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) assuming the cost or partial cost of cybersecurity investments made as a result of the plan.”;

(B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center” and inserting “Information Sharing and Analysis Organizations”;

(5) in subsection (g)—

(A) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by inserting “including, as appropriate, representatives of rural, suburban, and high-population jurisdictions (including such jurisdictions with low or otherwise limited operating budgets)” before the semicolon; and

(B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING CONTROL OF CERTAIN INFORMATION SYSTEMS OR OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to permit a cybersecurity planning committee of an eligible entity that meets the requirements of this subsection to make decisions relating to information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned, or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity.”;

(6) in subsection (i)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “2-year period” and inserting “3-year period”;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “2023” and inserting “2027”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2023” and inserting “2027”; and

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “shall” and inserting “may”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “information systems owned” and inserting “information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.”;

(7) in subsection (j)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” after the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (E)—

(i) by striking “information systems owned” and inserting “information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.”; and

(ii) by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(F) to purchase software or hardware, or products or services of such software or hardware, as the case may be, that do not align with guidance relevant to such soft-

ware or hardware, or products or services, as the case may be, provided by the Agency, including Secure by Design or successor guidance; or

“(G) to purchase software or hardware, or products or services of such software or hardware, as the case may be, that are designed, developed, operated, maintained, manufactured, or sold by a foreign entity of concern and do not align with guidance provided by the Agency.”;

(8) in subsection (1), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2022” and inserting “2026”;

(9) in subsection (m), by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of activities carried out using funds made available pursuant to the award of a grant under this section may not exceed—

“(A) in the case of a grant to an eligible entity, 60 percent for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2033; and

“(B) in the case of a grant to a multi-entity group, 70 percent for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2033.

Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Federal share of the cost for an eligible entity or multi-entity group shall be 65 percent for an entity and 75 percent for a multi-group entity for each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2028 through fiscal year 2033 if such entity or multi-entity group entity, as the case may be, implements or enables, by not later than October 1, 2027, multi-factor authentication and identity and access management tools that support multi-factor authentication with respect to critical infrastructure, including the information systems and operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, of such critical infrastructure, that is within the jurisdiction of such entity or multi-entity group is responsible.”;

(10) in subsection (n)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “a grant” and inserting “a grant on or after January 1, 2026, or changes the allocation of funding as permissible within the allowances”; and

(II) by amending clauses (ii) and (iii) to read as follows:

“(ii) with the consent of the local governments, items, in-kind services, capabilities, or activities, or a combination of funding and other services, having a value of not less than 80 percent of the amount of the grant; or

“(iii) with the consent of the local governments, grant funds combined with other items, in-kind services, capabilities, or activities, or a combination of funding and other services, having the total value of not less than 80 percent of the amount of the grant.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by amending clauses (ii) and (iii) to read as follows:

“(ii) items, in kind services, capabilities, or activities, or a combination of funding and other services, having a value of not less than 25 percent of the amount of the grant awarded to the eligible entity; or

“(iii) grant funds combined with other items, in kind services, capabilities, or activities, or a combination of funding and other services, having the total value of not less than 25 percent of the grant awarded to the eligible entity.”;

(B) by amending paragraph (5) to read as follows:

“(5) DIRECT FUNDING.—If an eligible entity does not make a distribution to a local government required under paragraph (2) within

60 days of the anticipated grant disbursement date, such local government may petition the Secretary to request the Secretary to provide funds directly to such local government.”;

(11) in subsection (o), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “and representatives from rural areas and other local governments with small populations” after “governments”;

(12) by redesignating subsections (p) through (s) as subsections (q) through (t), respectively;

(13) by inserting after subsection (o) the following new subsection:

“(p) OUTREACH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—The Secretary, acting through the Director, shall implement an outreach plan to inform local governments, including those in rural areas or with small populations, about no-cost cybersecurity service offerings available from the Agency.”;

(14) in subsection (r), as so redesignated—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(ii) in clause (ii)—

(I) by striking “information systems owned” and inserting “information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.”; and

(II) by striking the period and inserting “; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) assuming the costs associated with continuing the programs specified in the Cybersecurity Plan by including such programs in State and local government budgets upon full expenditure of grant funds by the eligible entity.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(E)(ii), by striking “information systems owned” and inserting “information systems or operational technology systems, including either or both of such systems using artificial intelligence, maintained, owned.”; and

(C) by amending paragraph (6) to read as follows:

“(6) GAO REVIEW.—Not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and every three years thereafter until the termination of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the Program, including relating to the following:

“(A) The grant selection process of the Secretary.

“(B) A sample of grants awarded under this section.

“(C) A review of artificial intelligence adoption across the sample of grants reviewed.”;

(15) in subsection (s), as so redesignated, by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The activities under this section are subject to the availability of appropriations.”; and

(16) in subsection (t), as so redesignated, in paragraph (1), by striking “2025” and inserting “2033”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their re-

marks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5078.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5078, the Protecting Information by Local Leaders for Agency Resilience Act, also known as the PILLAR Act.

Madam Speaker, I first thank Congressman OGLES for his leadership in bringing forward this bipartisan bill.

Cybersecurity is often discussed in the context of national systems, but the truth is that many of the most disruptive incidents occur in our own communities.

In recent years, local governments across the country have experienced attacks that shut down city services, delayed school operations, locked police and court records, and forced jurisdictions of all sizes to spend significant funds on recovery. These events may not always make national headlines, but they have real consequences for families, businesses, and public safety.

Some of these attacks come from criminal ransomware groups, while others originate from foreign adversaries that seek to test the resilience of American communities. The Committee on Homeland Security has monitored these trends closely.

A recent cyber-threat snapshot shows that the majority of States have experienced significant cyber incidents at the local level this year, and many of those incidents targeted smaller jurisdictions that have limited staff, outdated systems, and fewer resources to defend themselves.

Finally, this bill is the product of bipartisan work. It passed through the Committee on Homeland Security with support from Members across the political spectrum. I especially thank Representatives SWALWELL and EVANS for their work alongside myself and Congressman OGLES to advance this important legislation. That cooperation reflects a shared recognition that cybersecurity cannot be approached through a partisan lens.

By passing the PILLAR Act, the House can reaffirm its commitment to our State, local, Tribal, and territorial partners. When our communities are more secure, our entire Nation is more secure.

I thank Congressman OGLES, again, for his leadership in bringing forward this bipartisan bill.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5078, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5078, which reauthorizes the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program until 2033.

First established 4 years ago in the bipartisan infrastructure law based on legislation authored by Representative YVETTE CLARKE, the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program has provided \$1 billion in funding for State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments so that they can strengthen their cyber defenses.

Earlier this year, the Cybersecurity Subcommittee held a hearing to evaluate the program and receive testimony from the National League of Cities, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and one of the Nation’s top cybersecurity firms. Their assessment was clear: The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program has worked.

From Connecticut to Kentucky to Utah, the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program has forged partnerships that have helped detect and thwart attacks, built resilience, and stretched dollars further.

From municipal services to our school systems, the services that our constituents rely on every day are more secure today than they were 4 years ago, but our work is not done. Despite the impressive progress that State and local governments have made to improve their cybersecurity posture, many jurisdictions across the country, particularly rural areas, remain unacceptably vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Every day, State and local governments must defend against cyber intrusions from transnational criminal gangs and nation-state adversaries. The Federal Government has an obligation to leverage its resources, expertise, and intelligence to defend our State and local governments from these sophisticated threats.

There are no other circumstances under which we would expect a State or local government to defend itself from an attack from a state actor, particularly from China, Russia, or Iran. With this essential program’s authorization set to expire on January 30, enacting a long-term reauthorization will help provide stability to the program and, importantly, build a case for appropriating more funding for it.

At a time when the Trump administration has been cutting vital cybersecurity resources for State and local governments, such as the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, it is more important than ever that Congress step up to provide more funding for State and local cybersecurity.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES).

Mr. OGLES. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 5078, the Protecting Information by Local Leaders for Agency Resilience Act, known as the PILLAR Act.

This legislation is about strengthening the first line of defense in our Nation's cybersecurity. While we often focus on Federal networks and high-profile national systems, the reality is that many of the services Americans depend on every single day are run by State and local governments.

When a resident pays a utility bill online, when a police department dispatches an officer, or when a hospital connects to a county network, all of those activities rely on State and local systems that are now squarely in the sights of foreign adversaries and criminal groups.

As a former county executive in Tennessee, I saw firsthand how limited budgets, aging systems, and staffing constraints can leave local governments struggling to keep up with modern cyber threats.

Many smaller jurisdictions only operate with a handful of IT staff and, in some cases, with none at all. Yet, they are expected to defend against the same nation-state actors that target major corporations and Federal agencies. That is not a fair fight, and it is not a sustainable model for national security.

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program at the Department of Homeland Security was created to help close that gap by providing targeted assistance to those States, territories, and local governments so that they can assess the risk, modernize outdated systems, and build real cyber resilience.

The PILLAR Act reauthorizes and strengthens this program so that it reflects the threat environment we face today and the technological landscape that State and local partners are actually operating in.

This bill makes several important updates. It ensures that the program covers not only traditional information technology systems but also operational technology and systems that incorporate artificial intelligence. That means that we are recognizing the reality that cyber risk now extends to everything from industrial control systems at water treatment plants to connected devices at public safety networks to AI-enabled tools used by local agencies.

The bill encourages the adoption of basic but powerful best practices, such as multifactor authentication and stronger identity and access management tools across State and local networks.

It promotes continuous vulnerability assessment and monitoring so that jurisdictions can detect and mitigate threats before those threats turn into major incidents. It also emphasizes the importance of good cyber hygiene, modern configuration management, and alignment with frameworks developed by CISA and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Importantly, the PILLAR Act recognizes that not all communities start from the same place. It directs out-

reach and support to rural areas and jurisdictions with small populations, which are often the least resourced but still operate critical services.

It encourages partnerships with academic and nonprofit organizations, including cybersecurity clinics and other technical assistance providers that can help these communities develop and implement their cyber plans. This bill also guards against the use of Federal grant dollars on technology that introduces additional risk.

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It prohibits the use of funds to purchase software or hardware from foreign entities of concern when those products do not align with CISA guidance, and it directs grantees to follow secure-by-design recommendations so that public money is not spent on tools that undermine security.

We also provide more predictability around cost share requirements so that States and local governments can plan over the long term.

The legislation maintains a strong Federal commitment while encouraging jurisdictions to invest in sustaining the improvements they make.

For those that implement multifactor authentication and related protections by a certain date, the bill provides additional flexibility in the Federal cost share to reward that proactive work.

This is a bipartisan bill. I am proud to have worked closely with Chairman GARBARINO and Representatives SWALWELL and EVANS on this critical legislation, and appreciate the support it has received from Members on both sides of the aisle.

We share the same goal, which is to help our communities defend themselves against increasingly sophisticated cyber threats and to ensure continuity of essential services for the American people.

Supporting the PILLAR Act is about more than technology. It is about public trust. When a local government falls victim to ransomware and emergency services are delayed, when a school district loses student records, or when basic services are interrupted, citizens lose confidence in those institutions.

This bill helps prevent those outcomes by equipping State and local leaders with the resources and tools they need to prepare.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5078 and to stand with the State, local, Tribal, and territorial partners who are on the front lines of our cyber defense every day.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5078, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I, again, urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5078, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5078, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BOTTLES AND BREASTFEEDING EQUIPMENT SCREENING ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 260) to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 260

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act".

SEC. 2. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF BREAST MILK AND BABY FORMULA DURING AVIATION SECURITY SCREENING.

The Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act (Public Law 114-293) is amended by adding at the end the following new sections:

SEC. 3. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF BREAST MILK AND BABY FORMULA DURING AVIATION SECURITY SCREENING.

"Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this section and every five years thereafter, if appropriate, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall issue or update, as the case may be, guidance to minimize the risk for contamination of any breast milk, baby formula, purified deionized water for infants, and juice (as well as ice packs, freezer packs, frozen gel packs and other accessories required to cool breast milk, baby formula, and juice) that is subject to re-screening or otherwise subject to additional screening. Such guidance shall—

"(1) be developed in consultation with nationally recognized maternal health organizations;

"(2) ensure adherence to hygienic standards, as established by the Administrator, in consultation with nationally recognized maternal health organizations;

"(3) ensure that, when any such re-screening or additional screening requires additional testing, such testing so adheres to such standards, to so minimize such risk; and

"(4) apply to security screening personnel of the Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening pursuant to section 44920 of title 49, United States Code.

SEC. 4. INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT.

"Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on

Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing an audit of compliance with the requirements of sections 2 and 3. Such audit shall also include information relating to the effect of various types of screening technologies, including bottled liquid scanners, on the screening of breast milk, baby formula, purified deionized water for infants, and juice (as well as ice packs, freezer packs, frozen gel packs and other accessories required to cool breast milk, baby formula, and juice) that is subject to rescreening or otherwise subject to additional screening, and the rate at which such items are denied entry into the sterile area (as such term is defined in section 1540.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations).".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 260.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 260, the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act.

This legislation will require the administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to update guidance related to screening of infant feeding materials. It will make the airport experience more bearable for traveling families. I thank my Democratic colleague, Mr. SWALWELL, for leading the House version of this legislation, H.R. 820, through the committee earlier this year.

Madam Speaker, I urge support, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 260, the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act.

This is a straightforward bill that directs the Transportation Security Administration to update or issue guidance to adhere to hygienic standards to reduce the risk of contamination of breast milk, baby formula, juice, and purified water during TSA screening.

The bill would also require TSA to consult with nationally recognized maternal health organizations to help develop guidelines and establish hygienic screening standards for these items.

Traveling with kids is a difficult, stressful experience for many parents and caretakers, one that I expect to undertake beginning in January.

For many new moms, in particular, TSA screening has proven a particularly challenging experience as well-meaning officers enforce inconsistent and opaque screening requirements.

Far too many parents have been left wondering if their breast milk or formula is still safe to give to an infant after TSA has handled and screened it.

This bill would help enforce hygienic practices and make screening less stressful for new parents while maintaining security standards.

Madam Speaker, I thank Senator DUCKWORTH for her leadership on this topic, as well as my colleague Congressman SWALWELL, who sponsored the House companion to this bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. SWALWELL), the author of the House version of this bill.

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act.

Air travel with children is a nightmare, and I am just talking for the nonparents who have to deal with them at an airport. For parents, it is hell. It is like an Olympic sport. It is like going through a gauntlet dragging little kids who just want to be attached to tablets or anything but the directions that you are giving to them to hopefully get them from the entrance of the airport to the plane.

Oftentimes with little kids, you have, in transit with them, a mother who is breastfeeding. Many of us have experienced going through airport security where our TSA agents, who are good natured and just doing their jobs, can really slow down, jam up, clog, and delay this experience.

For practicality's sake, the last thing you want for your kids to experience when you are trying to move them from the gate to the plane, is any interruption or delay. For traveling moms, it is humiliating to have your breast milk sorted through by TSA agents. It doesn't feel very safe to have agents open up the breast milk. Too many moms have shared with me that working moms are often traveling on their own without their kids, but they are still pumping, pumping and dumping as they would call it, and are asked by TSA agents, what are you doing with breast milk if you don't have kids with you, which is another level of shame that is brought upon the mothers because they already feel guilty that they are not with their kids.

It doesn't have to be this way.

My friend from New York (Mr. GARBARINO), who has helped me shepherd this bill through the Homeland Security Committee, has given me a good snicker and a smirk over there because he probably sees me as the least likely person to bring this bill forward

and he is the least likely ally that I have on the other side, but the two of us are smart enough to listen to women and families.

Madam Speaker, I will share the origin of this bill because it is a success story for anybody who believes that they can write to their legislator and see a change in the laws that govern us. I thank scientist Emily Calandrelli, a Californian whose advocacy and personal testimony brought national attention to this issue. She wrote about the exact experience I described, traveling as a working mother without her kids and being asked why she had breast milk but no children. Her experience made it clear to many parents who have faced similar challenges.

I thank Senator DUCKWORTH for leading the charge in the Senate and sending us this bill so quickly as well as Representatives SALAZAR, PETTERSEN, and LUNA for their unwavering advocacy for traveling mothers.

I also thank my former colleague, KATIE PORTER of Orange County, who introduced this bill in prior Congresses. It is a commonsense bill, and it is rightfully a bipartisan effort.

Compounding the chaos with the anxiety that mothers face are TSA screeners who have inadequate or confusing guidelines as to what they are supposed to do with breast milk. The Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act strengthens and streamlines TSA's screening procedures so parents can travel with dignity, confidence, and peace of mind.

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It requires TSA to work with maternal health experts to create clear, science-based guidelines for screening breast milk, formula, and pumping equipment. It ensures TSA officers receive proper training so that every parent can travel with confidence that they will not be forced to discard essential nutritional products.

Again, this is not a partisan issue. It is a parenting issue. Unsanitary handling of breast milk and formula puts kids at risk. Mothers who can't pump because TSA held up their equipment can suffer painful, preventable medical complications. Every parent who has traveled with young children knows the stress, as I mentioned, that this creates.

This bill is also about accountability. It directs an independent body to audit TSA's compliance with its own policies, ensuring that violations like those experienced by Ms. Calandrelli and by countless moms who shared their stories do not continue.

Madam Speaker, families deserve better than unnecessary stress at the airport. They deserve clarity, dignity, and a safe travel system that works for them, not against them.

Passing this bill now will send it to the President's desk. I can't promise that passing this bill will make your plane get there on time or give you the upgrade you are so desperately hoping

goes through or make sure that your kids behave, but it does finally make our airports a more welcoming place for parents.

I welcome my colleagues' support and encourage them to support this legislation by voting "yes" on S. 260.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I have no more speakers and am prepared to close after the gentleman from Puerto Rico closes. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

This is a commonsense bill that will help make traveling a little bit easier for millions of parents.

On behalf of myself and my wife, a future mother, I thank all the Members who are part of this effort, especially Congressman SWALWELL.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes," and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I congratulate my colleague (Mr. SWALWELL) on this bill. I am happy to support it. I am very pro-family and pro-parent, and I urge my colleagues to support S. 260.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 260.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT OF DHS INTELLIGENCE ACT

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2261) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Department of Homeland Security's oversight of certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2261

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Strengthening Oversight of DHS Intelligence Act".

SEC. 2. ENHANCED DHS OVERSIGHT OF CERTAIN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS.

The Homeland Security Act of 2002 is amended—

(1) in paragraph (9) of section 201(d) (6 U.S.C. 121(d))—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting ";" and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) any intelligence information under this Act is shared, retained, and disseminated consistent with the protection of pri-

vacy rights, civil rights, and civil liberties, as determined, respectively, by the Chief Privacy Officer and the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.";

(2) in subsection (a) of section 222 (6 U.S.C. 142)—

(A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting ";" and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(7) coordinating with the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis to—

"(A) ensure that any intelligence information under this Act is shared, retained, and disseminated in a manner consistent with the protection of the privacy rights; and

"(B) provide training to intelligence personnel on privacy rights, regulations, and information practices as specified in section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the 'Privacy Act of 1974') and other relevant laws, with a focus on personnel who have authority to disseminate information analyzed by the Department pursuant to paragraph (6) of section 201(d) or the responsibility to review information to be disseminated pursuant to such paragraph.";

(3) in subsection (a) of section 705 (6 U.S.C. 345)—

(A) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and inserting ";" and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(7) coordinate with the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis to—

"(A) ensure that any intelligence information under this Act is shared, retained, and disseminated in a manner consistent with the protection of civil rights and civil liberties; and

"(B) provide training to intelligence personnel on civil rights and civil liberties, with a focus on personnel who have authority to disseminate information analyzed by the Department pursuant to paragraph (6) of section 201(d) or the responsibility to review information to be disseminated pursuant to such paragraph.".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO) and the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. HERNÁNDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2261, the Strengthening Oversight of DHS Intelligence Act.

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis has a distinct role within the intelligence community of gathering and sharing intelligence across State, local, Tribal, and territorial partners.

In recent years, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis has faced criticism for overreach in its handling of bulk data that raises privacy concerns for the sensitive information of U.S. citizens.

This legislation will mandate that all DHS intelligence products undergo comprehensive reviews to ensure compliance with constitutional protections.

Madam Speaker, I urge support, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of my bill H.R. 2261, the Strengthening Oversight of DHS Intelligence Act.

One of the lessons of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, was that the United States Government needed to improve coordination and information sharing between law enforcement and intelligence agencies. The 9/11 Commission found that prior to September 11, the United States Government failed to connect the dots between pieces of information it had that could have prevented the attacks of that fateful day. The Department of Homeland Security was created to fill the critical gaps identified by the 9/11 Commission.

To this day, DHS' Office of Intelligence and Analysis, or I&A, is the lone member of the intelligence community tasked with delivering homeland security information and intelligence to State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement.

Every day, our State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers work on the front lines to keep America safe. It is critical that they receive reliable intelligence to do the best job possible.

Just as critical as keeping Americans safe is upholding their constitutional rights. My bill ensures that the information and intelligence distributed by DHS to protect our communities does not infringe upon Americans' constitutional rights. It requires that all DHS intelligence products be reviewed by the DHS chief privacy officer and the DHS officer for civil rights and civil liberties.

Additionally, my bill would require training senior DHS intelligence personnel on privacy rights, civil rights, and civil liberties protections.

Put simply, under my bill, DHS intelligence information that is shared, retained, and disseminated must be done in a manner consistent with the protection of Americans' rights.

It is a principal duty for Congress to simultaneously protect our national security and preserve our privacy and our civil rights as well as our civil liberties.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Colorado, Congressman GABE EVANS, for his collaboration on this bipartisan bill.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

The day after the filing deadline, once it was clear that there would be no Democratic alternative to his chief in a D+17 seat, he announced his retirement.

It is easy to get caught up in the culture of D.C., of political complacency, or believing that your opponents are so broken that the ends justify the means, but you cannot win the right to represent people through subversion. All you do is engender distrust in the government and apathy in the citizens of this great country.

We don't have to say that a thing is perfect to say that it is worth fighting for. In fact, we can't truly fight for a thing if we don't acknowledge its shortcomings.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H. Res. 878. While I respect the sponsor of this resolution and appreciate very much her work on behalf of her constituents in southwest Washington, I cannot support this measure.

My friend and classmate from the 116th Congress, Representative CHUY GARCÍA, embodies the highest ideals of the American Dream.

Born in Mexico, Representative GARCÍA moved to the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago in the 1960s and never left. After earning his citizenship in 1977, Representative GARCÍA graduated from college and began his career in public service with a community-based housing initiative.

Since his time as a member of the Chicago City Council, the Illinois State Senate, and Cook County Board of Commissioners, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA has served his community, the Congress, and our country with great distinction.

As it relates to the matter under consideration, in nearly every election he has been a candidate, Representative GARCÍA has faced opposition in both primary and general elections. Representative GARCÍA has proven himself unafraid to campaign. He has sought other offices and come up short.

During the filing period in Illinois, any qualified citizen and any qualified resident of the State could have filed to challenge Representative GARCÍA. In fact, Representative GARCÍA won a competitive primary just last cycle.

Throughout his career in public service, CHUY GARCÍA has demonstrated a broad and deep respect for his constituents. This includes his fierce advocacy for Chicago's immigrant communities, teachers, public employees, and the economically striving and struggling among us.

Representative GARCÍA is a dedicated public servant, and his record of accomplishment is worthy of celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote "no" on the resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are not here to adjudicate the character or quality of work of what has gone before in the career of Representative GARCÍA. That is not the question at hand.

No good work means that you are able to end your career with impunity in choosing your successor. This is not who we are as a country. People bled and died for the right to elect their own Representative.

To say that you can, at the last moment, submit at least 2,500 signatures, when your name is at the top of the list—and to the question of legality, this is not a question of whether or not what he did was legal. This body does not adjudicate State election law. That is not what we are trying to do here.

We do not choose the rules in Illinois' elections. We cannot imagine every illegal thing, every amoral thing, and make it illegal. Legality is smaller than morality, and the question at hand is: Do we condone a subversion of an election because it is playing by the rules?

That is not what we are here to do.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I once again remind the Members that any one of the citizens of this district could have filed petitions. In fact, Mr. GARCÍA has faced primaries before and general elections before.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA), my very good friend.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I stand here, believe it or not, with a grateful heart. Over the last several days, many of my colleagues have reached out with kindness and understanding. I appreciate their concern for me and their desire to keep our Caucus united.

I wasn't expecting to stand here to debate my retirement, but before any of us are Members of Congress, we are husbands, we are grandfathers, we are sons, we are mothers, and we are sisters. We are regular people, but life reminds us that our jobs come second to the people waiting for us at home.

After nearly 40 years of public service, I decided not to seek a fifth term, and I am proud to have served with integrity and respect.

I turn 70 next spring, and I decided that it was time to dedicate more of my time to the people who have sacrificed the most so that I could serve: my wife of almost 50 years, my children, my grandchildren, and the family that steadied me through victories and through heartbreak.

When my daughter, Rosa, passed away in 2023 and left us four beautiful young children, it shook our entire world. Overnight, our house became a home for those kids. We did what every family does: We stepped up. We held them close, and we gave them love and stability.

Despite dealing with multiple sclerosis, my wife, Evelyn, carried the

heaviest load as their day-to-day caregiver. Because of my wife, I was able to keep meeting the responsibilities of my job here and in the district.

I filed to run for Congress because this work is more important than ever, and I wanted to deliver for my community and to be part, hopefully, of a new House majority next year.

I followed the rules of Illinois and its election law. When the ballot was open for anyone to file—as they had over the past 6 years and the four times that I stood for election—and contrary to claims that were made earlier today, I did not circulate any petitions that I was accused of circulating. I only circulated when I filed on the first day.

As I looked ahead, I had to be honest about what the next term would demand and what my family needed. I saw the big picture: supporting my wife as we manage her illness, taking better care of my own health, and being present for the grandson that we just adopted 2 weeks ago. It was a tough decision, but I made that choice as any husband, father, and grandfather would make at that moment. I stood by my family values, as we ask others to do.

Every one of us knows the pressures that come with serving here, but I hope that none of my colleagues ever face the circumstances that my family has faced in the last 3 years.

Meanwhile, my district and my community are under assault by our own government, and I ask my colleagues to listen. Members may have seen the reports, but pictures don't convey the screams of families being separated, U.S. citizens being arrested without cause, and the indiscriminate gassing of innocent families, including a 1-year-old just a week ago.

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Families in my district are living with fear and trauma that no one should have to endure in our country.

Last week, we returned after 54 days with the House shuttered, including a 43-day shutdown. We returned hoping for Democratic unity. Therefore, I was shocked to be called out in a resolution on the House floor.

I think you would agree with me that voters don't want these arguments in Congress. The voters want us to be working to help them afford healthcare, rent, and childcare.

Mr. Speaker, none of us wants to spend the next year trading divisive disapproval resolutions.

The Speaker pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Our voters do not want this either. We should not be distracted by political ploys when our constituents want us to stay focused and to deliver for them.

I am going to finish my term with the same love and commitment that I brought to my first day of Congress here. When I arrived in this country as

a 10-year-old, I never dreamed I would be here. I hope that we can all agree on this: When a colleague chooses his family, that shouldn't be a moment for division. It should be a moment for understanding and unity. One day you might be the one making that choice, and you shouldn't have to debate it on the House floor.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, true love persists in a confidence, not in your supremacy in making a choice for your voters, but in your service and humility that they have the right to choose. When we start making choices for people without their consent, we have walked away from the fundamentals of democracy.

I feel deeply for the sacrifice that it has taken him to serve his community. That does not legitimize the way in which he left his seat and choosing a successor and refusing to be forthright with his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, to the question of primary challenges, in both the 2020 and the 2022 election, as I have seen in reporting, CHUY GARCÍA carried 100 percent of the primary. That does not sound like a whole lot of a primary challenge when you are carrying 100 percent of the votes in the primary. That doesn't mean that he was not chosen in that, but you can't walk away from a commitment to allowing voters a choice and a clarity on what you are going to be doing.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT), my friend.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, since 2019, I have been proud to call the gentleman from Illinois both a colleague and a trusted friend.

During the build back better negotiations, we stood shoulder to shoulder to defend immigrant communities when it mattered the most. That is who CHUY GARCÍA is. He leads with conviction, courage, and integrity, even when he stands alone.

CHUY GARCÍA came up during the era of the late and great Harold Washington in Chicago who took down the political machine. It was CHUY GARCÍA who stood next to our other colleague, Luis Gutierrez, when his home was firebombed by two young men. His home was firebombed, and CHUY GARCÍA was the person standing next to former Congressman Luis Gutierrez.

An immigrant from Mexico and the son of a bracero, CHUY GARCÍA has spent 45 years as an organizer, public servant, and a coalition builder who never loses sight of the people he serves. He has been a steadfast champion for dignity, equity, and justice across Chicago.

He stepped out of this race for one reason and one reason only: his family. We often hear in these hallowed Halls of Congress the words "family values,"

and it is often used with hypocrisy. Here we have a person that is really standing up for his grandchild.

The Speaker pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Here we have someone who is standing up for his grandchild, for his ill wife, for his community. He is standing up for family values, and yet he has to stand here and defend himself. His decision to step down is very personal and his decades of service speak for themselves.

We are grateful for his unwavering commitment to public service. At a moment where some are working overtime to protect the wealthy and gut healthcare for working families, we should stand together united to defend affordable healthcare. That is the issue that we should be talking about here tonight.

We should be standing together to talk about how we are going to lift the least among us and make it easier for them. That is what we should be talking about here tonight.

Nearly 20 million people are at risk of losing coverage and that should be our priority. CHUY, myself, and LUIS CORREA, we call ourselves the three amigos because we have so much in common, although I am from New York, he is from Illinois, and LUIS is from California.

The word "amigo" means friend. It has been lost in the journey. The meaning of that word has been lost, and I may add maybe mutilated, but I am here to call CHUY tonight "my great friend"; "mi gran amigo."

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Vermont (Ms. BALINT).

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of my colleague, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA, who is my seatmate on the Judiciary Committee.

CHUY is someone who is always looking out for the working people of this country. CHUY is always the one in committee who is thinking: How is this going to affect the people back home in my neighborhood.

For 45 years, this man has worked relentlessly for the communities that he serves. His steadfast dedication to community has been on full display this year in the midst of the barbaric assaults that they have endured in Chicago. As Border Patrol Commander Gregory Bovino has indiscriminately launched chemical agents in residential neighborhoods and kidnapped people off the streets, the people of Illinois' Fourth District have had a strong champion in CHUY GARCÍA, standing alongside them every step of the way to demand justice.

That is how he fights for not just everyone in his district but for people across this country. He is a man of principle and a man of morals, and it is

so disheartening to see his name dragged through the mud today.

When Federal agents kidnapped staffers of a local elected official off the streets, CHUY and his team were there demanding their release. He goes where he needs to go to stand up for his people. Isn't that what we all want from our elected officials?

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Now, I acknowledge that yes, indeed, our democracy is corrupted and rigged against working people, but it is not because of CHUY GARCÍA.

CHUY has fought for working people his entire life, and he has been fearless in voting to stand up to mega corporations that are screwing us over and the big banks that don't give a damn about us.

I urge my colleagues to keep all of these things in mind.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Vermont.

Ms. BALINT. I want my colleagues to think about the totality of this man's life and what he has done in service not just to Illinois but to the people of this country. I urge my colleagues to keep this in mind.

This is not a game. It is a man's life. Please consider that as we think about this resolution.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is certainly not a game. This is certainly not a short strategy. It is long work to remain committed to the primacy of Americans' right to choose their elected representatives. Nothing validates the choice to subvert an election, not the trespasses of an administration, not the long and noble work of a public servant, not the valid and unknowable bitterness of a family's suffering, not fidelity to identity politics. Nothing validates subverting an election.

We are not here to adjudicate, as I have said, the measure of CHUY GARCÍA's work or his character. The question is: Do you have the right to choose your successor?

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York has 15 minutes remaining.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of CHUY GARCÍA and against this resolution. I am, in fact, appalled at the hubris behind all of this.

If this is not a question of legality, if this is not a question of State law, then what is it a question of?

I was in Chicago with Congressman CHUY GARCÍA when hearings were held about the inhumane and barbaric

treatment of Chicagoans across his district and other districts by this administration and ICE. I saw his conviction, his commitment, his love for not just his district but the city in which he was raised and lives.

This is a man who is a legend. He is a legend to his district, and he is a legend in this Congress. I don't understand why we are having to debate him. This is character assassination.

My question is this: Is this the most significant subversion that has happened this year? We have an administration that is starving poor children. We have an administration that is involved in unauthorized strikes in countries around the globe. We are in the midst of fighting for survivors by getting the Epstein files released. We are in the fight of our lives to make sure that Americans can afford the healthcare that they deserve. That is what we should be debating. Those are issues that are far more pressing and critical to Americans.

I was home in my district this weekend. Not one person asked me about CHUY GARCÍA, not one person in my district or in my State. We have to worry about our own districts. Isn't that what people say, "What is happening in your district?" Worry about your own district.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. I would just ask that we get back to that.

I am going to have to say this Democratic intraparty fighting is not what any of us want, and it is not what the American people deserve. I would hope that we would get back to focusing on the issues that are most critical. If any of us have an issue with what is going on in somebody else's district, we should have the decency and respect to go to them and ask them about what is going on in their district before we do all of this kind of character assassination on this House floor.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, there is a famous saying in Baptist circles: "If you don't kill your sin, your sin will kill you." Nobody wants to see anybody get hurt, but there are natural consequences, and the consequences of subverting an election and choosing your successor are a slide toward a very ugly future for our country.

There is an argument that has been made that they don't know about it so it is not wrong. That is not true. That is not true. We know about it. We know about it, and that can place on us an accountability, not just when it is politically convenient to condemn someone but when it is in your own family. That is the point.

That is the point, that when there is a spade, you call it a spade, whether it hurts or not. You have to have confidence that Americans will make the

choice for themselves. That is the whole point of this experiment in democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. SALINAS).

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my friend and colleague, Congressman GARCÍA.

Over the past 3-plus years, I have had the pleasure of working with CHUY GARCÍA. I have known him to be a dedicated public servant committed to serving his community and his country. Day in and day out, he has shown up for his constituents and for the American people.

I contrast this with Speaker JOHNSON, who, for the last month and a half, kept the House out of session, stopped this body from working on behalf of the people who sent us here, and manufactured a healthcare crisis.

We just ended the Republicans' government shutdown, and this is our first order of business? We need to get back to work to address the issues impacting the American people. We should be united in addressing the Republicans' looming healthcare crisis and the rising cost of living.

This debate does nothing to lower costs for people in Oregon or across this country. This is a debate that should be held by Congressman GARCÍA's constituents, not by Members of Congress who do not represent them.

We have more important work to do than to express displeasure at a Member of Congress who has spent his entire life serving the people of Illinois and people across this country.

Now, please, let's get back to the real work on behalf of the American people. I urge my colleagues to reject this command.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The point is well made that Americans are suffering. A nonpayment of utility bills, people having their cars repossessed, people losing their businesses, people going without meals, that is in my community, and that is real. We do not dutifully serve the long work of building a self-determining country by turning our constituents into petitioners who would only demand free things from us, a relief from this pressure of the consolidation of corporate power. No, we also have to stand before them with honor, confidence, and respect in their ability to choose their elected representatives for themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am so proud to stand here today to talk about one of the most important

leaders in the city of Chicago for many, many years, helping person after person, making sure that his community and our communities have been safe, to stand up and fight for the people of the city of Chicago, a city that my colleague does not really understand the kind of faith that they have in CHUY GARCÍA all of these years.

For someone who doesn't know about the city of Chicago and the role that he has played and to find some outside idea that he has somehow cheated the city of Chicago or the people of the city of Chicago—are you kidding?

There has not been one single person that has stood up in Chicago and said that there should be some sort of punishment for our great friend. I mean, he has been there every day of the year helping people, every day of the most recent years helping people because we know that people have been in Chicago trying to take away people's lives, taking them out of the country, people who are fine, wonderful people in the city of Chicago.

I say: Shame on you for deciding that this is the issue that you, who have no idea about the role that CHUY GARCÍA has played in the city of Chicago and continues to play in the city of Chicago, will take on. This should be diminished right now.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, there are claims that this is not the work that we were sent here to do. Then what gives us the right to be here if not being sent here? There is a premise here. We have to be endowed with trust, and that has to be reciprocal with our voters.

I would argue that there is a very loud demand, a fervent, clear call by Americans right now for accountability and transparency, and it is not just about the Epstein files. It is all of it. They want us to stop this fight and be honest, deliberate, and respectful, to humbly serve.

That is what real leadership is. It is humility and service, not choosing for them what would be best for them.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), my good friend.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong defense of the great character of a loving friend, father, husband, and brother, Congressman CHUY GARCÍA.

My friends, there are moments in the Nation's history when a single life stands up and declares without arrogance and without apology that freedom must mean something for everybody or it means nothing at all.

Congressman CHUY GARCÍA is such a man. He is, in every profound and dangerous sense, a freedom fighter. Not in the fashion of myth or marble, but the kind born of neighborhoods where

dreams have been bruised and people still need to rise. Yet, people still rise because of a Congressman like CHUY GARCÍA, the kind who understands that the struggle for human dignity is never finished and never optional.

CHUY GARCÍA's life is stitched together with the same thread that carried our greatest fighters forward, the belief that one does not have to accept the world as it is, but he glimpses into what the world ought to be. That is leadership.

Leadership is not a performance. It is not a posture. It is a way of standing with the vulnerable, a way of insisting that compassion is not weakness, that justice is not a luxury, and that democracy is not a spectator sport but a life-long calling.

Beside me is a picture that warmed my heart from childhood. This is Congressman CHUY GARCÍA then campaigning with the great Harold Washington, the former Congressman from the First Congressional District.

CHUY brought the African American and Mexican communities together. There was a time—before the word Hispanic was created—we knew CHUY as a Mexican American. CHUY walked hand in hand with us in Chicago. In 1997, while he was the State senator serving alongside then Senator Barack Obama, CHUY GARCÍA was the chair of the Black Caucus of the Illinois State Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. He has walked arm in arm with the African-American community, not as a visitor, not as a distant ally, but as a brother in the same long struggle for liberation. He understands that the battles of the South Side echo the battles of Little Village, that the pain of displacement, disenfranchisement, and dismissal does not respect ethnic boundaries, and that our triumphs, when we dare to claim them together, can shake the foundation of this Nation. He has marched with us, organized with us, fought alongside us because he knows that our destinies are intertwined.

Today, let us honor the courage of a man who has refused to be cowed, refused to bow to power, or be silenced by cynicism; a man who reminds us that to lead is not simply to occupy an office but to carry a people; a man who teaches us that loyalty to the truth, to the community, to the least among us is the highest form of patriotism.

Let CHUY GARCÍA's examples lead us out of our complacency and to a greater level of integrity and to a higher calling. Let this unyielding spirit remind us that America becomes America only when ordinary people dare to demand the extraordinary.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to start by clarifying something that was said on the RECORD. The sponsor of the resolution is stating that CHUY GARCÍA has won his primaries with 100 percent of the vote. All you have to do is go to the board of elections or BallotReady and recognize that in 2024, in his last election, his opponent got 30 percent of the vote. I want to make sure that facts matter here, and when there is misinformation, I wanted to clarify that.

Let me go ahead and say at a moment when so many Members of Congress have conceded their power to Donald Trump, voting rights are on the line, super-PACs continue to buy congressional seats, and the representation of Black and Brown working families is threatened, this resolution is nothing more than a cheap political stunt pulled from the playbook of some of my Republican colleagues.

Do you want proof? Some of the ones that have been suppressing the most votes have been clapping every time she speaks. It is a do-nothing resolution that targets a leader who has been holding the line in defense of democracy, someone who is not beholden to super-PACs, like foreign lobbies or Big Oil, like the American Petroleum Institute. He is someone who has voted against bills like the SAVE Act, which endangers the voting rights of women in our country. He is someone who voted against the Laken Riley Act, which allows the persecution and racial profiling of Latinos by ICE agents. He is someone who voted against the recent Republican continuing resolution, which did not protect affordable healthcare and provided a slush fund for Senators investigated for their role in the insurrection.

CHUY GARCÍA has stood his ground for working families and our democracy in moments when others have not, including the sponsor of this resolution of disapproval, who has opened the doors to authoritarianism by the way she votes.

You don't have to agree with how the events of his decision to step down unfolded to recognize that this resolution is misguided and disingenuous.

Disapproving of his actions while you allow big money in politics, outside spending in elections, and rampant corruption to go unchallenged or uninterrupted is the height of hypocrisy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York has 4 minutes remaining.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, while we need to hold each other to high standards—we do—we also need to reform a system that too often makes it nearly impossible to ensure working people like CHUY GARCÍA, like me, and

so many others here, are well represented in the face of moneyed interests set on their destruction.

I invite you today to vote “no” on this performative, bad-intentioned resolution, and join me in getting dark money out of politics, protecting and expanding voting rights in America, and fighting for authentic representation of all our communities. Vote “no.”

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Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, while there are many ways to litigate many of the votes, the question at hand is: What gives my colleague the right to represent a community? It is the choice of his voters. Nothing gives him the right to choose his successor.

We cannot walk down this path. When we stand and say that everything around us is bad, it risks us conforming to that wrongness and orienting our policy around it.

This is a false choice to say that I can either attack here or I can attack here. We can pursue wherever we disagree. We also have to call a spade a spade, and that is what this is about. This is about accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned earlier in the debate, I deeply respect the sponsor of this resolution. We are fellow appropriators, and I observe firsthand the energy and commitment she brings to serving the people of southwest Washington.

This resolution is wrong. It shouldn't be before us. The House has so much work we need to do. We need to address the affordability crisis in America, save healthcare, and fight the cost of the actual corruption happening on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Let's get back to work.

I commend my dear friend, Representative GARCÍA, for his long and distinguished tenure in public life and as a devoted public servant. I wish him and his family the very best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this ill-conceived resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, we are not called to do anything more than walk with humility, to love justice, and to work diligently. CHUY has worked diligently. Nothing in that legitimizes the choice to choose a successor or to support gathering over 2,500 signatures. It does not legitimize waiting for days when he knew that he was not going to run for reelection and ensuring that his chief of staff would be his successor.

That is not the path our country can stand on. A country that refuses to acknowledge wrongdoing when it happens has got bad things in store for it. I humbly ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARRIGAN). The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

POLITICAL CONTEMPT FOR THE AVERAGE AMERICAN

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to comment on that last debate for a second. We are in danger in this country. One of the ways we are in danger is that there are certain politicians who are becoming more and more prominent and who have a contempt for the average American.

Sadly, I have seen this happen more and more over time in the Democratic Party. We have seen it in their higher offices where Kamala Harris was handpicked by the billionaires. We saw it where everybody else had to clear the decks for Joe Biden to become President after these offices were determined and nominees were determined for many years in primaries. The same thing happened in Wisconsin in a U.S. Senate seat.

We now see it happening in Congress where a sitting U.S. Congressman handpicks his successor. Of all successors, he picks a staffer. There is such contempt for the average people. I am sure these are people who have worked for years in the Democratic Party or years in various, different local elections. They are being shoved aside so that an insider can grab the slot.

Mr. Speaker, in any event, I thank my colleague from Washington for bringing this forward.

WORKING PEOPLE PAY THE PRICE

(Ms. BROWN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, how do we know if this President is working for us? He is working for us if we make over \$4 million and are about to pocket a new tax cut of \$300,000.

He is working for us if we attend Great Gatsby parties at his club or plan to sip cocktails in his new White House ballroom.

He is working for us if we bankroll his crypto schemes or pony up for Presidential pardons.

He is working for us if we are wealthy, well-connected, and don't want the Epstein files to see the light of day.

Mr. Speaker, if we are struggling to afford rent or groceries, if premiums are breaking our budget, he is not working for us. No, he is driving up our costs by imposing reckless tariffs and cutting SNAP, Medicaid, and ACA subsidies. This President works for the wealthy, and working people are paying the price.

SUPPORTING EPA AND ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today the announcement from the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers is a very long overdue course correction. This has to do with the definition of the Waters of the United States, which had been defined most recently in the Biden administration and Obama administration to have Federal regulators claim jurisdiction over mud puddles and temporary ponds that are dry within a few hours after a rainstorm.

Mr. Speaker, they want to control everything, and this happens on private land. With the reversal of this decision, the farmers, ranchers, and landowners don't have to worry about Federal regulators coming in and jumping on them for a temporary mud puddle after rain.

The Supreme Court made clear in the decision of *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency* that was never what Congress intended. No, it was not. This new proposal finally moves us back to a commonsense reading of the actual law. It reins in Federal overreach, and it restores the rights of States and private landowners. Importantly, it keeps clean water protections in place.

By narrowing the jurisdictions of the waters that truly meet the standard and by removing ditches, groundwater, or other things that really shouldn't be in there, the EPA is bringing clarity and predictability back to those who work the land every day.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the EPA and Army Corps for this course correction.

REOPENING THE GOVERNMENT AND LOWERING PREMIUMS

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, many in eastern North Carolina and throughout the Nation who purchased healthcare through the ACA marketplace are deeply worried about rising premiums.

As open enrollment is underway, constituents remain uncertain and are in a holding pattern, waiting to see if Con-

gress will fix it. Many are experiencing emotional distress, including a mother who even broke down in tears. Some are considering changing their coverage or foregoing it altogether. Some are considering taking on multiple jobs or even tapping into lines of home equity to fill the gap if Congress fails to act.

I have signed on to a discharge petition, calling to extend ACA premium tax credits. I have also signed on to a bipartisan letter to Senators in support of a real solution.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to the people of eastern North Carolina and our Nation. Members of Congress who have health insurance should not deny coverage to hardworking families.

RAISING AWARENESS OF PRETERM BIRTH RATES

(Ms. MCCLELLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, the United States has one of the highest preterm birth rates in the world, which is a leading cause of infant mortality.

Today, the March of Dimes released its 2025 report card on the state of maternal and infant health. The United States received a D-plus for preterm birthrate for the fourth consecutive year in a row.

In 2024, 380,000 babies were born prematurely. That is 10.4 percent of all babies born. The worst rates are in the southern region of the United States.

These statistics are personal for me. My daughter was born 9 weeks early when my placenta ruptured. We both nearly died. She spent the next 6 weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit. We were among the lucky ones. Far too many mothers and babies don't have that same outcome.

Mr. Speaker, today I join Representatives JENNIFER KIGGANS and ROBIN KELLY to introduce a bipartisan resolution to designate November 2025 as Prematurity Awareness Month, and I join my colleagues to do more to prevent preterm births.

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MEDICARE FOR ALL

(Ms. BALINT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, the healthcare system that we have today doesn't work for anyone except if you are an insurance company. I hear it from Vermonters all the time: Our healthcare system is on the brink, and every choice Republicans make leads us further into collapse.

Republicans have no plan for healthcare, and they never have. For the last 15 years, all they have done is try to repeal, defund, deauthorize, and dismantle the Affordable Care Act with no alternative ever presented.

Americans are so tired of hearing about a concept of a plan or volumes of ideas.

Mr. Speaker, I will tell you the plan: Medicare for all. I will tell you the vision. It is that every American has access to affordable healthcare, to good jobs, to good schools, to clean air and water, housing they can actually afford, safer communities, and a functioning democracy. That is the vision.

I want the American people to know that Democrats are not giving up on healthcare. We are going to continue to fight.

SALUTING THE WORK OF BARRY HOFFMAN

(Mr. LATIMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute the work of Barry Hoffman, founder and artistic director of the Symphony of Westchester, which began in 1984.

Barry has blended together 50 outstanding music professionals to perform classical music works for adoring audiences. There are four concerts held each year at Iona University in New Rochelle, each drawing 350 attendees to experience the orchestral brilliance of the works of Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, Dvorak, and other great composers.

In addition, the symphony organization hosts an annual jazz institute, a young artists concerto competition for students of all ages, an apprenticeship with New Rochelle High School musicians, and so much more.

Barry and his army of woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings have delighted and educated our area for over 40 years with many more years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Barry Hoffman for his contribution to Westchester and the Bronx, and for the quality of our lives made more vibrant by music.

TAKE ICE OUT OF MEMPHIS

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I had a community meeting this weekend and met with some folks in Memphis. The issues that they were most interested in were immigration, ICE. They were very concerned about the people from ICE with masks on their faces mistreating people. They were dragging them out of cars, stomping on their heads, and arresting them.

We have seen oftentimes they have done that to American citizens, and they did it in error.

They were also concerned about the immigrants who were taken out of our community who do so much good in our community.

I am writing a letter to Kristi Noem and reminding her that she said they were going to get the worst of the worst: the murderers, the rapists, and the sexual offenders.

She is not doing that. They have decided they are going to get anybody who is in the country improperly, and that is wrong.

I will write the Trump administration and ask them to take ICE out of Memphis. It shouldn't be part of this surge they have to help us with our crime problem.

Hispanic immigrants are not part of our crime problem. If they were, he would go after one or two of them and not so many.

Get to the business of taking care of Memphis and not eliminating and deporting people who help our society and our community.

STORIES FROM HOME: THE HUMAN COST OF EXPIRING HEALTHCARE TAX CREDITS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. McCLELLAN of Virginia was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to anchor this Congressional Black Caucus Special Order hour.

Sometimes the voices of people and businesses impacted by congressional action or inaction get lost in the back-and-forth of the floor and the media.

For months, Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have focused on amplifying the stories of our constituents, and tonight we do the same, amplifying the stories of people whether they are small business owners, they are employees, they are self-employed, farmers, or others, who could find themselves unable to afford healthcare without an extension of the enhanced premium tax credit.

We know that there is a healthcare crisis looming in this country. We know that every American is one illness or accident away from economic devastation. That is the point of health insurance, to make sure that when they need care, they can access it without going bankrupt.

While the healthcare system isn't perfect, the point of the Affordable Care Act was to ensure more people had access to insurance through Medicaid expansion, through employer provided healthcare, and through the Affordable Care Act exchanges. It is called Marketplace Virginia in my State.

The more people have insurance, the more we know when they need care they can get it and not go bankrupt. More importantly, they can get pri-

mary care and preventative care so that when they get sick—because they will—they don't show up in the hospital when it is too late or more expensive to treat. Also, when more people show up in those hospitals uninsured, they will get care, and the cost of that care goes to everybody else.

Tonight, Mr. Speaker, you will hear stories of people who purchased their insurance through the Affordable Care Act exchange who, because of the enhanced premium tax credits, can actually afford their premiums. Without those tax credits, many of them—we have heard time and time again—will be forced to choose: Do I buy that healthcare plan, or do I feed my family?

Do I pay for that healthcare plan, or do I pay my mortgage or my rent?

Do I buy that healthcare plan, or do I pay my utility bills?

For too many Americans, the cost of everything is too high. Unfortunately, many are being forced to forgo health insurance and gamble and hope that they won't get sick. They will, and we will all pay the price for it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL).

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Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

Just like the rest of America, we in Alabama are facing a health crisis caused by the Republican Party. Thanks to President Trump and Republicans in Congress, more than 58,000 of my constituents in Alabama's Seventh Congressional District will see their health insurance premiums skyrocket next year.

One of my constituents is a 63-year-old gentleman from Wilcox County, Alabama, in the rural part of my district. This gentleman works for the Wilcox County Water and Sewer District. Just like his coworkers, he receives health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

Currently, his premiums cost \$188.29 per month. After receiving his rate letter last month, he learned that his monthly premium would increase by 700 percent to more than \$1,500.

That is right, thanks to President Trump and Republicans in Congress, this gentleman will need to pay \$1,300 more per month to keep the same healthcare plan.

Mr. Speaker, this is simply outrageous. The people I represent cannot afford these ridiculous Republican price hikes.

Throughout the government shutdown, and well before, Democrats have been sounding the alarm. We have been demanding that Republicans work with us to lower the cost of healthcare and address the crisis that they have caused.

What did they do instead? They shut down the government and held food assistance hostage from the most vulnerable Americans.

Make no mistake, the consequences of inaction will be dire. If Republicans

continue down this road, millions of Americans will be forced to go without healthcare insurance, one unexpected ER visit away from bankruptcy.

Those who cannot pay with their wallets will pay with their lives.

Mr. Speaker, there is still time to act. We must extend the healthcare tax credits, and we must do so now.

I thank my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus for this Special Order hour where we can tell the stories of our constituents.

This gentleman in Wilcox County, Alabama, who pays \$188 today will have to pay \$1,500 next year. It is simply unacceptable, and we must do something about it.

I am grateful to my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus for always standing up for the most vulnerable in our community, and I thank this gentleman from Wilcox County for sharing his rate letter, for showing us that, in fact, a 700 percent increase is simply unacceptable. It is outrageous. He will have to choose between affording healthcare insurance and simply affording his rent. It is unacceptable.

We in the Congressional Black Caucus, we in the Democratic Caucus, will continue to fight for the Affordable Care Act tax credits to be extended.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. BROWN).

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for leading tonight's Special Order hour. I thank my colleagues in the CBC for standing up for this fight.

The fight to protect healthcare is another reminder of why I am so proud to be part of the Congressional Black Caucus. The members I serve with are truly the conscience of the Congress.

Since January 20, 2025, we have not given 1 inch to this cruel, callous, chaotic, and corrupt White House. The truth is, the communities we represent, including my hometown of Cleveland, cannot afford Trump's agenda. Working people cannot afford Trump's agenda, and Black America cannot afford Trump's agenda.

There is an expression: When America catches a cold, Black America gets the flu. I would argue it is more like COVID before the vaccine.

We can't afford the tariffs. We can't afford the bailouts. We can't afford the tax giveaways to the Mar-a-Lago guest list. We can't afford the largest cuts to Medicaid and to the Affordable Care Act in this Nation's history.

Let's be clear about what is happening. We are living through a reverse Robin Hood story in America.

It hasn't always been this way. Because of the work of President Obama, President Biden, and Democrats in Congress, the Black uninsured rate fell to historic lows last year. That is right. We went from 20 percent of Black Americans being uninsured to just 10 percent.

It is not just Black Americans or people living in cities who have bene-

fited. In fact, some of the whitest and most rural parts of America rely on the Affordable Care Act the most, including a lot of farmers in my State of Ohio.

There were a lot of gaps in the old system. There were a lot of holes in the safety net. If Trump has his way, there are going to be a lot more holes in the net and a lot more people without healthcare—millions more, to be exact.

Mr. Speaker, 38,000 people in my district are facing huge healthcare cost increases because of Trump's ACA cuts. The average cost increase is \$700 per person per year. A lot of families will have to pay thousands more. Their voices should be heard, and we are uplifting their voices.

Here is what Talia from Cleveland shared with my office: "I logged into healthcare.gov to renew my plan for next year, and my monthly premium multiplied by a factor of four. It is currently set to be four times as much for health insurance as it was this year. I didn't go ahead and enroll yet because I am hoping Congress gets their heads in the game to do what is right. I am not making any more money this year than I did last year. My income is the same. Rent is going to increase. Gas is increasing. Groceries are increasing. Utility bills are increasing—and now my healthcare, too. It is becoming impossible to survive in this country."

Mr. Speaker, I completely agree with Talia. To my colleagues across the aisle, I implore you to stop protecting the powerful. Stop serving the wealthy. Start listening to the people.

Truly, it is time for Congress to get their heads in the game. I thank Talia for sharing her story, and I want to assure her we will not give up on this fight.

It is time we work together to cancel the cuts, lower the costs, and protect healthcare for all Americans.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. CLARKE).

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Virginia for anchoring us in the Congressional Black Caucus' Special Order hour, "Stories from Home: The human costs of expiring healthcare tax credits."

Tonight, we have already heard from my colleagues, and we speak for everyday Americans, families, seniors, young adults, and workers who now face the devastating reality that their healthcare premiums are about to double—in some cases, triple and quadruple—when critical tax credits expire at year's end.

In New York's Ninth Congressional District, this crisis is not theoretical. It is happening to the single mother in Flatbush, Brooklyn, who finally had been able to afford her son's asthma medication. It is happening to the retired home health aide in Brownsville stretching every dollar just to stay covered.

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It is happening to the young entrepreneur in Crown Heights who took a chance on starting a business because these credits made health insurance reachable and reliable.

For years, these tax credits which were extended during the pandemic have been a stabilizing force for families across Brooklyn, New York. They helped to protect our communities, kept our small businesses afloat, and ensured that our neighbors could see a doctor without sacrificing their rent payments, groceries, or the lifesaving medications that many, many rely on.

Yet, because of a prolonged and entirely avoidable Trump-Republican government shutdown and because Republicans refused to negotiate, the expiration of these credits will hit working families the hardest. In a city where the cost of living is already sky high, premium spikes will push many in New York's Ninth District to the brink of losing coverage altogether.

House Democrats stood united for more than 40 days to prevent this outcome. We fought to shield families from exactly this kind of financial ruin and healthcare shock. Once again, our Republican colleagues across the aisle chose politics over people, and Brooklyn, New York, like other districts across the Nation, will feel that pain most acutely.

Mr. Speaker, tonight, the Congressional Black Caucus has done what it has always done: We center the people. We will bring forward the stories from home, stories from New York's Ninth District and every district represented by the CBC. We will make sure that this Chamber hears their names, sees and feels their struggle, and understands the real-world consequences of inaction, because this is not just a policy.

This is about whether families in Brooklyn, New York, can afford their medications; whether seniors can age with dignity; whether our healthcare infrastructure can withstand the shock of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, using the emergency room as primary care; and whether our children can grow up healthy and secure.

The CBC is leading the fight for the extension of these critical tax credits and for the health, well-being, and humanity of every person who we represent.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that these stories this evening drive it home.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS). The gentlewoman from Virginia has 43 minutes remaining.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, Speaker JOHNSON has called the Affordable Care Act enhanced premium tax credits a boondoggle, but let me tell you what those tax credits have meant for millions of Americans.

Over 80 percent of the tax credit goes to help working people in States that

President Trump won. Since they were introduced, more than half of the growth in national enrollment has come from Texas, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Who are these folks? They are not the 29-year-old sitting in his mother's basement playing video games. They are restaurateurs, beauticians, landscapers, mediators, chiropractors, funeral directors, farmers, ranchers, freelancers, contractors, and gig workers, and now they are stuck.

As open enrollment began and they opened their mail, they found that their premiums, in some cases, doubled; in some cases, tripled. I heard from a local restaurateur in my district, Lester Johnson. He and his wife own Mama J's, a beloved restaurant in the Jackson Ward neighborhood of Richmond, which was once known as the Harlem of the South.

The Johnsons rely on ObamaCare, or the Affordable Care Act, for themselves and their 8-year-old daughter. They pay \$700 a month, and Lester has estimated that, if the subsidies expire, his bill will go up to \$1,400 a month. He has about 40 employees, and they would see premium hikes, as well. Lester says: It is a lot of money for people. I think everyone is feeling the anxiety.

He is worried about his family and the families of those 40 employees.

I heard from Bron Hansboro, the owner of The Flower Guy Bron, a Richmond small business:

We have been looking at this coming down the pike for a few months, and I have had to be proactive, and I have had to consider what it looks like for my business if these credits are removed, and what it looks like is taking increased risk and finding money that doesn't exist to make sure that we can supplement and offset the cost of my sole employee's expenses.

His sole employee is Ronni Moss, who said: I found fulfillment in my part-time work as a floral and event designer with Bron. In 2021, I left my corporate job for full-time employment. It was an important move for me to work in a dream career while contributing to the success of this small business. At reasonable rates, I have purchased health insurance on the marketplace, and the benefits that they have offered at my corporate job while they allowed me to give birth to my handsome son, it is the marketplace that has proved more valuable to me. Now, with the increased insurance on top of the increase in groceries and other living expenses, I am not sure how my family is going to manage it.

We have heard from farmers across the district who are already struggling, particularly soy farmers. In my district in Virginia, we have some of the largest number of soy farmers in the Commonwealth. They are already struggling under the tariffs and as a result they can't sell their crops.

One of my farmers said to me: Basically, unless you are a beef cattle farmer, you are already a volunteer right

now, and now we have to figure out not only how we feed our families but how we pay for our health insurance because we purchase under the marketplace.

Why is it so important that people are insured? I was in the Virginia Legislature when we expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. The reason we did it is because we had rural hospitals that were about to close. We had so many people who were not getting preventative care, and it was leading an already bad maternal health crisis to get worse. It was leading an already bad infant mortality crisis to get worse. It was leading a preterm birth crisis to get worse.

By getting people connected to a medical home, paid for by insurance—in that case, Medicaid, or later when we created a State-based exchange—through the exchange, they could get preventative screenings that could identify cancer while it was still treatable. Pregnant women would be healthy when they got pregnant and not have to deal with hypertension and other chronic diseases that lead to a high maternal mortality rate.

We saw health outcomes improve. We saw hospitals, which were on the verge of closing because of the high number of uninsured, overcome that risk.

During the summer recess, I visited a dental clinic in far southwest Virginia in Abingdon. Before that dental clinic opened, communities in southwest Virginia waited a full year for a dental clinic that was part of a larger healthcare clinic to come where they could get basic dental care, such as dentures and other types of dental care.

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When this clinic opened, 80 percent of their patients are Medicaid recipients. Twenty percent are uninsured.

Now thanks to the pending Medicaid cuts, they don't know what they are going to do. They are worried about the uninsured in that community who are covered by Medicaid and now that community is also worried about those that are insured through the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Speaker, because without your health insurance, you don't know what you are going to do when, in the blink of an eye, your child is injured.

I know that fear. When my son was about 3 years old, in the blink of an eye, he burned his hand. I happened to be in a rural area as part of a conference. We went to the local hospital. They didn't have a burn clinic. This was on a Saturday. They said you can drive back to Richmond and on Wednesday there is a burn clinic and they can take your son, or we can see if we can get him admitted to UVA Hospital or VCU Hospital, both of which were hours away, but we can see if he can get admitted right now. I said: We are going to see if he can get admitted right now.

Between the ambulance ride, a week in the hospital, and the treatment, be-

cause I had employer-provided healthcare, I still had to pay \$1,000 out of pocket. The total bill was \$15,000. This was 12 years ago. Think about what that bill would be today.

I was fortunate. Because I had employer-provided health insurance, I only had to pay \$1,000, but I think about how many people don't have that and Medicaid or the Affordable Care Act is their only option.

Right now they are worried about whether that option is going to be available. What does that mean for the people that I represent? In Virginia, about 350,000 people benefit from the enhanced premium tax credits.

For a family of four that earn just under \$130,000 a year, they will see their premium go up 43 percent, to \$4,675.

For a family of four who earn \$64,000 a year, their premium will go up 20 percent, \$2,571 more than they have to pay for insurance. For a 60-year-old couple earning \$82,000 a year, they will see their premium go up 174 percent. Their premium will go up \$11,968.

Most of the families I talk to don't know where they are going to find that money. They don't know if they are going to be able to pay that premium. They do know one thing, guaranteed, they are going to need healthcare. They don't know if they are going to be able to pay for it. We will continue to raise these stories because too many people are depending on Congress to act. Their lives literally depend on it.

Hopefully before December 31, we will find the political will to extend these tax credits. If we don't, we better come up with a solution to ensure that Americans all across this country can access the care they need when they need it. If we don't, how are we going to look them in the eye and say we served their needs?

I worry about that. I worry about that mother who wakes up one morning, bleeding, 9 weeks away from her due date who goes to the hospital and isn't sure how she is going to pay that bill, if she makes it.

I worry about that mother whose child has to stay in the NICU for 6 weeks who doesn't know how she is going to pay that bill. I worry about that mother who has to figure out how am I going to get my child the developmental care that she needs to ensure she meets her milestones because all that costs money that she probably doesn't have, and that mother could have been me.

I was fortunate that I had insurance, and while I worried about whether my daughter or I would make it, I didn't have to worry about how I would pay for it. There are too many Americans who go to bed at night wondering, is that lingering cough something that I need to go to a doctor for today? Can I afford it, or do I wait until I can't breathe and I am in the emergency room?

That is what is at stake. It is not a game about will Democrats or Republicans win. It is a question about

whether the American people can get the care they need when they need it.

The Congressional Black Caucus will stand up every single day and fight not just for our constituents but for every single American whether you live in an urban core, a rural holler, a suburban cul-de-sac, no matter where you were born, although we know—let me clarify that if you are not a citizen, you are not eligible for the ACA. Let's just put that to bed for a minute.

No matter where you were born, where you live, the color of your skin, how you worship, you can get the care you need when you need it and know you won't go bankrupt.

That is all people are asking for right now, and we are going to fight to make sure that every single American can go to bed at night not having to worry about the answer to that question.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for your attention tonight. I ask you to come together to find a solution to this crisis.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 695. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 12, 2025, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 5371. Making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

MOTION TO DISCHARGE A COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 17, 2025.

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives
Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV, I, Jared F. Golden, move to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution, H. Res. 432 entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2550) to nullify the Executive Order relating to Exclusions from Federal Labor-Management Relations Programs, and for other purposes, which was referred to said committee May 20, 2025, in support of which motion the undersigned Members of the House of Representatives affix their signatures, to wit:

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| 1. Jared F. Golden. | 58. Luz M. Rivas. | 110. Greg Casar. | 162. Suhas Subramanyam. | 183. Hillary J. Scholten. | 201. Andre Carson. |
| 2. Brian K. Fitzpatrick. | 59. Kelly Morrison. | 111. Yvette D. Clarke. | 163. Kim Schrier. | 184. Raul Ruiz. | 202. Ro Khanna. |
| 3. Chris Pappas. | 60. Teresa Leger Fernandez. | 112. Grace Meng. | 164. Darren Soto. | 185. Henry Cuellar. | 203. Adam Gray. |
| 4. Don Bacon. | 61. April McClain Delaney. | 113. Al Green. | 165. Jimmy Panetta. | 186. Linda T. Sanchez. | 204. Josh Harder. |
| 5. Derek Tran. | 62. Ami Bera. | 115. Greg Landsman. | 166. Sharice Davids. | 187. Mikie Sherrill. | 205. Jerrold Nadler. |
| 6. Joe Courtney. | 63. Steny H. Hoyer. | 116. J. Luis Correa. | 167. Nellie Pou. | 188. Ritchie Torres. | 206. Nancy Garcia. |
| 7. Shontel M. Brown. | 64. Salud O. Carbajal. | 117. Mike Thompson. | 168. Lloyd Doggett. | 189. Judy Chu. | 207. Robert Garcia. |
| 8. Jahana Hayes. | 65. Sanford D. Bishop. | 118. Steve Cohen. | 170. Vicente Gonzalez. | 190. Kathy Castor. | 208. Gregory W. Meeks. |
| 9. Stephen F. Lynch. | 66. Steven Horsford. | 119. Eugene Simon. | 171. Rick Larsen. | 191. Scott H. Peters. | 209. Adam Smith. |
| 10. Nikema Williams. | 67. Ilhan Omar. | 120. Madeleine Vindman. | 172. Gabe Vasquez. | 192. Brad Sherman. | 210. Robert P. Bresnahan. |
| 11. Ted Lieu. | 68. Greg Stanton. | 121. Bennie G. Dean. | 173. Andrea Salinas. | 193. Doris O. Matsui. | 211. Jared Moskowitz. |
| 12. Delia C. Ramirez. | 69. Suzanne Bonamici. | 122. James E. Thompson. | 174. Jimmy Gomez. | 194. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. | 212. Jared Huffman. |
| 13. Donald Norcross. | 70. Jasmine Crockett. | 123. Frank Pallone. | 175. Gwen Moore. | 195. Mark Takano. | 213. Adriano Espaillat. |
| 14. Haley M. Stevens. | 71. Joseph D. Clyburn. | 124. Betty McCollum. | 176. Richard E. Neal. | 196. Marc A. Veasey. | 214. Sylvia R. Garcia. |
| 15. Mark Pocan. | 72. Julie Johnson. | 125. Terri A. Sewell. | 177. Donald S. Beyer. | 197. Josh Riley. | 215. Eric Swalwell. |
| 16. Bill Foster. | 73. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez. | 126. Kevin Mullin. | 178. Lauren Underwood. | 198. Brendan F. Boyle. | 216. James R. Walkinshaw. |
| 17. Melanie A. Stansbury. | 74. Marilyn Strickland. | 127. Jamie Raskin. | 179. Wesley Bell. | 199. Susie Lee. | 217. Nick LaLota. |
| 18. Johnny Olszewski. | 75. Lucy McBath. | 128. Joyce Beatty. | 180. Angie Craig. | 200. Norma J. Torres. | 218. Michael Lawler. |
| 19. Becca Balint. | 76. Joe Neguse. | 129. Pete Aguilar. | | | |
| 20. Mike Quigley. | 77. Brittany Pettersen. | 130. Glenn Ivey. | | | |
| 21. Sarah Elfreth. | 78. Seth Magaziner. | 131. Sydney Kamlager-Dove. | | | |
| 22. Maxwell Frost. | 79. Maggie Goodlander. | 132. Joshi Gottheimer. | | | |
| 23. Jill N. Tokuda. | 80. Frank J. McCormick. | 133. Maxine Waters. | | | |
| 24. Jennifer L. McClellan. | 81. Nikki McGovery. | 134. George Whitesides. | | | |
| 25. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. | 82. John Velázquez. | 135. Val T. Hoyle. | | | |
| 26. James P. McGovern. | 83. Sam T. Brownley. | 136. Chellie Pingree. | | | |
| 27. Nydia M. Velázquez. | 84. Herbert C. Escobar. | 137. Jonathan L. Jackson. | | | |
| 28. Julia Brownley. | 85. Kristen Scanlon. | 138. Danny K. Tlaib. | | | |
| 29. Veronica Escobar. | 86. John McDonald. | 139. Bradley Scott. | | | |
| 30. Mary Gay Scanlon. | 87. Kristin Clark. | 140. John Keating. | | | |
| 31. Rashida Tlaib. | 88. Patrick Ryan. | 141. Maxine Waters. | | | |
| 32. Katherine M. Clark. | 89. William R. Keating. | 142. Debbie Wasserman. | | | |
| 33. Clark. | 90. Henry C. "Hank" Johnson. | 143. Debbie Dingell. | | | |
| 34. Zoe Lofgren. | 91. Dina Titus. | 144. Seth Moulton. | | | |
| 35. Frederica S. Wilson. | 92. Raja Krishnamoorthi. | 145. Joaquin Castro. | | | |
| 36. Janice D. Schakowsky. | 93. Paul Tonko. | 146. Hakeem S. Jeffries. | | | |
| 37. Sara Jacobs. | 94. Sean Casten. | 147. Lateefah Lee. | | | |
| 38. Gabe Amo. | 95. Valerie P. Foushee. | 148. Lois Frankel. | | | |
| 39. Bonnie Watson. | 96. Troy A. Carter. | 149. Marcy Larson. | | | |
| 40. Coleman. | 97. Deborah K. Ross. | 150. Donald G. Kaptur. | | | |
| 41. LaMonica McIver. | 98. Chrissy Houlahan. | 151. Jesus G. Sorensen. | | | |
| 42. Dina Titus. | 99. Robert C. Foushee. | 152. Jim Costa. | | | |
| 43. Raja Krishnamoorthi. | 100. Shri Thanedar. | 153. Kweisi Mfume. | | | |
| 44. Paul Tonko. | 101. Laura Gillen. | 154. Mike Levin. | | | |
| 45. Sean Casten. | 102. Timothy M. Kennedy. | 155. Ayanna Pressley. | | | |
| 46. Valerie P. Foushee. | 103. Shomari Figures. | 156. Lizzie Fletcher. | | | |
| 47. Troy A. Carter. | 104. Emanuel Cleaver. | 157. Jason Crow. | | | |
| 48. Deborah K. Ross. | 105. Thomas R. Randolph. | 158. Rosa L. DeLauro. | | | |
| 49. Chrissy Houlahan. | 106. Diana DeGette. | 159. Morgan McGarvey. | | | |
| 50. Robert Menendez. | 107. Juan Vargas. | 160. Ed Case. | | | |
| 51. Christopher R. Deluzio. | 108. Mark Bynum. | 161. James A. Friedman. | | | |
| 52. Emily Randell. | 109. George Latimer. | 162. Himes. | | | |
| 53. Lori Trahan. | | | | | |
| 54. Alma S. Adams. | | | | | |
| 55. Janelle S. Bynum. | | | | | |
| 56. Laura Friedman. | | | | | |

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2199. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Poultry Improvement Plan and Auxiliary Provisions [Docket No.: APHIS-2022-0056] (RIN: 0579-AE74) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2200. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Expansion of End-User Controls To Cover Affiliates of Certain Listed Entities [Docket No.: 250509-0083] (RIN: 0694-AK11) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2201. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Additions and Revisions to the Entity List [Docket No.: 250912-0152] (RIN: 0694-AK26) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2202. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-066, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2203. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-091 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2204. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-093 Certification of Proposed

Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2205. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-100 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-2206. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-188, "Medical Cannabis Conditional Licensure Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2207. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-189, "LIHTC Rent Stabilization Exemption Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2208. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-191, "CRIAC Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2209. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-192, "Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2210. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-194, "Let Our Vows Endure Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2211. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-195, "Entertainment Establishment Employee Safety Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2212. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-197, "Revised Business Licensing Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2213. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-198, "Language Access Rulemaking Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2214. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-193, "Prearrest Diversion Task Force Recommendations Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2215. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-179, "Youth Advisory Council on Climate Change and Environmental Conservation Establishment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2216. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, trans-

mitting DC Act 26-181, "Gallery Court Designation Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2217. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-180, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5624, S.O. 17-21054, Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2218. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-182, "Closing of a Cul-de-Sac in Square 4350, S.O. 22-05506, Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2219. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-183, "Judith E. Heumann Memorial Bridge Designation Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2220. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-184, "Closing of the former Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge Right of Way on Lot 817 in Square 708, S.O. 23-05325, Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2221. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-185, "Alfred Dudley Sr. Way Designation Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2222. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-186, "Henry E. Baker Alley Designation Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2223. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-187, "Marvin "Slush" Gross Way Designation Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2224. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-199, "Rebalancing Expectations for Neighbors, Tenants, and Landlords (RENTAL) Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2225. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 26-190, "Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Technical Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2226. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Director, Office of Financial Management, United States Capitol Police, transmitting the Statement of Disbursements for the U.S. Capitol Police for the period April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1910(a); Public Law 109-55, Sec. 1005; (119 Stat. 575) (H. Doc. No. 119-111); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-2227. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance-Accelerated Benefit Option Regulation Update [Docket

No.: VA-2024-VBA-0029] (RIN: 2900-AR67) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2228. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Eligibility for Legacy Participants and Legacy Applicants [Docket No.: VA-2021-VHA-0018] (RIN: 2900-AR28) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2229. A letter from the Branch Chief, Border Security Regulations, Regulations and Rulings, Office of Trade, U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Technical Amendment to List of User Fee Airports: Addition of Five Airports, Removal of One Airport [CBP Dec. 25-15] (RIN: 1651-AB67) received November 13, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2230. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only — Relief from Certain Penalties Related to Information Reporting Required in Connection with No Tax on Tips and Overtime [Notice 2025-62] received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2231. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Employee Plans Annual Revenue Procedure for Determination Letters, Private Letter Rulings, and User Fees (Revenue Procedure 2025-4) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2232. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Transitional Guidance Regarding Returns Relating to Certain Interest on Specified Passenger Vehicle Loans received in a Trade or Business [Notice 2025-57] received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2233. A letter from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Anticipated Applicability Date for Future Final Regulations Relating to Required Minimum Distributions (Announcement 2025-2) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2234. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) User Fee Update [TD 10035] (RIN: 1545-BR55) received November 14, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Supplemental report on H.R. 1949. A bill to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas (Rept. 119-269, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 879. Resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 80) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 130) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 131) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision"; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58) denouncing the horrors of socialism; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1949) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3109) to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5107) to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 enacted by the District of Columbia Council; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5214) to require mandatory pretrial and post conviction detention for crimes of violence and dangerous crimes and require mandatory cash bail for certain offenses that pose a threat to public safety or order in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (Rept. 119-380). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 6046. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to streamline the deployment of telecommunications or broadband service facilities in the public rights-of-way and the rights-of-way of railroad carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BARRETT (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 6047. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the dollar amounts for the payment of certain disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 6048. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to modify delayed notice requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself, Mr. McGOVERN, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 6049. A bill to repeal provisions relating to notification to Senate offices regarding legal process on disclosure of Senate data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 6050. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain provisions of the health insurance premium tax credit, to rescind unobligated balances for providing assistance to Argentina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 6051. A bill to promote the voluntary inclusion of emergency contact information in State driver's license and identification systems and to provide support to States for implementation of such systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 6052. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with regard to research on asthma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 6053. A bill to amend the Great Lakes Fishery Act of 1956 to provide for the development by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission of efforts to combat invasive species of mussels; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 6054. A bill to ensure that a fair percentage of Federal cancer research funds are dedicated to pediatric cancer research; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Ms. McBRIDE):

H.R. 6055. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the advanced manufacturing investment credit and include materials integral to semiconductor manufacturing; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GARCIA of California (for himself, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. PETERS, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. TONKO, Mr. AMO, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. DELAUR, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. McBRIDE, Mr.

VARGAS, Mr. BELL, Ms. TITUS, Ms. ROSS, Mr. NEAL, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. MANNION, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. CHU, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MENG, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. JOHN-SON of Georgia, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 6056. A bill to establish in the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Peoples, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BOST, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. FINE, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. HUNT, Mr. MCCINTOCK, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. OGLES, Mr. ROY, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. TIFFANY):

H.R. 6057. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that any alien who has been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors, is deportable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Mr. MOYLAN, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 6058. A bill to provide for multilateral semiconductor technology supply chain coordination, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 6059. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East 100 North in Moab, Utah, as the "2nd Lieutenant Mitchell Williams Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI:

H.R. 6060. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to provide grants to units of local governments, drinking water systems, and federally recognized Indian Tribes for the replacement of lead, galvanized steel, and iron service lines and lead drinking water mains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. IVEY, Ms. STEVENS, and Ms. SALINAS):

H.R. 6061. A bill to prohibit the use of the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Department of the Treasury to bail out Argentina's financial markets, and to instead use that funding to provide for a farmer tariff relief package; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOORE of West Virginia (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, and Mr. SIMPSON):

H.R. 6062. A bill to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of federal land in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOYLAN:

H.R. 6063. A bill to provide for the designation of the Guam and Western Pacific USDA Rural Development office as the representative of USDA Rural Development in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the Freely Associated States; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6064. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program to construct barriers near rail lines that are adjacent to a residential structure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. PLASKETT (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RILEY of New York, and Mr. BRESNAHAN):

H.R. 6065. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 6066. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to strengthen the provisions relating to child labor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 6067. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to add access to telecommunications and information services in Indian country and areas with high populations of Indian people to the universal service principle relating to access to such services in rural, insular, and high cost areas; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself, Mr. PATRONIS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. SALAZAR, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. LEE of Florida):

H.R. 6068. A bill to provide for a moratorium on oil and gas leasing and exploration on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida until 2032, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. SIMON (for herself, Mr. FIGURES, Ms. POU, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 6069. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for eligibility of transit support specialists for crime prevention and security grants; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. STANSBURY:

H.R. 6070. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize the Community Connect Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6071. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that commercial driver's licenses be restricted to United States citizens, lawful permanent residents, and individuals authorized by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to engage in employment in the United States that includes driving a commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 6072. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds by non-governmental organizations and the Department of the Interior for certain immigration-related services, except

in the case of a minor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. HIMES, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CROW, and Ms. OMAR):

H. Con. Res. 61. Concurrent resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with presidentially designated terrorist organizations in the Western Hemisphere; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. McCLELLAN (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H. Res. 877. A resolution expressing support for the designation of "Prematurity Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BERA (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. ROSS, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. KIM, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BACON, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. BARR, Mr. CASE, and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H. Res. 880. A resolution recognizing the strategic value of the historical partnership between the United States and India; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. ELLZEBY:

H. Res. 881. A resolution condemning the recent attacks on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Law Enforcement personnel and facilities; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 882. A resolution supporting the Republic of Kazakhstan's accession to the Abraham Accords, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. LUNA:

H. Res. 883. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to lower the interest rate on Federal student loans to 2 percent; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 884. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6039) to advance commonsense priorities; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. STEVENS (for herself, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CORREA, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H. Res. 885. A resolution supporting the designation of November 15, 2025, as "America Recycles Day" to raise awareness of, and promote a national discussion about, recycling, and advance the circular economy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. MOULTON introduced a bill (H.R. 6073) for the relief of Maria Merida de Macario; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 6046.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Commerce Clause

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 6047.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 6048.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 6049.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 6050.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 6051.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 6052.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 6053.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact legislation provided by Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 6054.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 6055.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 18

By Mr. GARCIA of California:

H.R. 6056.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 6057.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I. Section 8, Clause 4

By Mr. HUIZENGA:
H.R. 6058.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause
By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:
H.R. 6059.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.
By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI:
H.R. 6060.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY:
H.R. 6061.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3
By Mr. MOORE of West Virginia:
H.R. 6062.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Pursuant to Article 1 of the Constitution
Congress has the power to enact this legislation.
By Ms. NORTON:
H.R. 6064.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.
By Ms. PLASKETT:
H.R. 6065.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.
By Mr. RUIZ:
H.R. 6066.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Constitutional Authority: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution (the Commerce Clause).
By Mr. RUIZ:
H.R. 6067.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.
By Mr. RUTHERFORD:
H.R. 6068.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
By Ms. SIMON:
H.R. 6069.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Section 8 of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution
By Ms. STANSBURY:
H.R. 6070.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8
By Mr. STEUBE:
H.R. 6071.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I Section 8

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:
H.R. 6072.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Art. 1 Sec. 8
By Mr. MOULTON:
H.R. 6073.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

By H.R. 40: Mr. McGARVEY.
H.R. 219: Mr. McGARVEY.
H.R. 227: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 296: Mr. KEAN.
H.R. 345: Ms. CHU.
H.R. 349: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 404: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
H.R. 429: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.
H.R. 516: Ms. BALINT, Ms. PLASKETT, and Mr. MEUSER.
H.R. 539: Mr. MEUSER.
H.R. 637: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
H.R. 645: Mr. CRENshaw.
H.R. 664: Mr. QUIGLEY.
H.R. 712: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 790: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 830: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 833: Mr. EVANS of Colorado.
H.R. 834: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H.R. 842: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. HUNT, and Ms. RANDALL.
H.R. 852: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 868: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS and Mr. BACON.
H.R. 879: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 944: Mr. TRAN.
H.R. 958: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 1024: Mr. MURPHY.
H.R. 1054: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H.R. 1061: Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 1063: Mr. BARR.
H.R. 1085: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 1102: Mrs. KIM.
H.R. 1105: Mr. TRAN.
H.R. 1138: Mr. KEAN and Mr. BARR.
H.R. 1163: Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.
H.R. 1171: Mr. VASQUEZ.
H.R. 1172: Mrs. KIM.
H.R. 1178: Mrs. BICE.
H.R. 1189: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 1241: Mrs. WAGNER.
H.R. 1246: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. ALFORD.
H.R. 1260: Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 1268: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 1277: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 1285: Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 1288: Ms. JACOBS.
H.R. 1305: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 1317: Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 1319: Mr. MURPHY.
H.R. 1329: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Ms. PRESSLEY.
H.R. 1340: Mrs. SYKES.
H.R. 1346: Mr. WIED.
H.R. 1379: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 1397: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.
H.R. 1404: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 1410: Mr. HIMES, Mr. MESSMER, and Mr. MENENDEZ.
H.R. 1415: Mr. MOOLENAAR.
H.R. 1422: Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. JAMES.
H.R. 1466: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 1477: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 1496: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 1509: Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms.

ROSS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, and Mr. MOORE of Utah.
H.R. 1514: Mr. GUEST and Mr. VAN ORDEN.
H.R. 1517: Mr. SOTO and Mr. VASQUEZ.
H.R. 1521: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 1522: Ms. RIVAS.
H.R. 1583: Mr. BERGMAN.
H.R. 1614: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 1657: Mr. MORELLE.
H.R. 1670: Ms. McCLELLAN.
H.R. 1672: Mr. MORAN.
H.R. 1685: Mr. HUNT.
H.R. 1698: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.
H.R. 1710: Mr. KEAN.
H.R. 1735: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 1773: Mr. SIMPSON.
H.R. 1845: Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. KEAN.
H.R. 1878: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 1896: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
H.R. 1957: Ms. MENG and Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 1965: Ms. LOFGREN and Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 1970: Ms. MACE.
H.R. 1989: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 1993: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, and Mrs. BICE.
H.R. 2049: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.
H.R. 2059: Ms. PRESSLEY.
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Senate

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN BOOZMAN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 17, 2025.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN BOOZMAN, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BOOZMAN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 3 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3 and 39 seconds p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 3 p.m.

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RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH OF THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the visit to the United States of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christian Church.

His lifelong advocacy for religious liberty, interfaith understanding, and international peace has earned global recognition, including the Templeton Prize.

According to Orthodox Christian tradition, the Ecumenical Patriarch is a direct descendant of, and successor to, the Apostle Andrew in the see of Constantinople, and His All-Holiness has devoted his ministry to fostering greater understanding among people of faith.

It is an honor to welcome religious leaders to our Nation's capital. I join my Orthodox Christian constituents and communities across America in celebrating the visit of the Ecumenical Patriarch and commanding his continued work in service of human dignity and peace.

HONORING VILMA AQUINO AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vilma Aquino as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year. Vilma has spent over three decades transforming lives and communities through the power of gardening. Since the 1990's, she has been a passionate educator and advocate for sustainable growing practices, community health, and environmental awareness. In 2009, she founded the Vallejo People's Garden, which provided fresh produce to the Christian Help Center's kitchen for ten years, feeding up to 75 clients daily. For fifteen years, she worked with students from Touro University to teach future healthcare professionals how gardening supports the concept of food as medicine. Her innovative work with Kaiser Permanente's Rehab Department and Residency Program brought healing and hands-on gardening education to patients, caregivers, and medical staff. Over the years, Vilma has helped several community gardens in Vallejo get started, including the garden at the Renaissance Family Shelter in 2014. In 2024 and 2025, she co-founded the Bay Area Butterfly Festival, which attracted thousands of

attendees and raised awareness about the declining Western Monarch Butterfly population and the critical role of native plants in ecosystem health. She coordinates a wide variety of gardening and wellness classes for the community, including culturally relevant offerings such as "Filipino Fruits and Vegetables You Can Grow at Home in Solano County." Vilma is currently a Board Member at the Global Center for Success on Mare Island and continues to work with organizations such as Touro University, Kaiser Permanente, and Solano Community. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Vilma Aquino for her invaluable contributions to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTING HOMES FROM TRAINS ACT OF 2025

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Protecting Homes from Trains Act of 2025, which would establish a grant program for the design and construction of barriers to mitigate rail activity that can harm homes and their occupants, including derailments, noise and vibrations. District of Columbia residents frequently tell me about the negative impact of train noise and vibrations on their lives. Train noise and vibrations can harm health and quality of life and can even harm the structural integrity of homes.

As a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and as the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, I have been working to reduce train noise and vibrations. I have convened community meetings with the Federal Railroad Administration, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. I established the Congressional Quiet Rails Caucus. I introduced a bill directing the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct a study on how to reduce train noise and vibrations near homes. I separately requested GAO to conduct that study, which it has agreed to do.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ERIC MCARTHUR

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Eric McArthur, a police officer, veteran, and most importantly, a father and husband. Serving as a police officer

for the city of Saint Paul for over nine years, Eric courageously worked in the K-9 unit at the side of his K-9 companion, Finn. His commitment to service was demonstrated not only by his dedication to his job but also through the support and strength he showed his colleagues by participating in the department's Honor Guard and Peer Support Team.

His dedication to his country didn't stop there. Eric was also a member of the Army National Guard, serving three tours overseas and honorably receiving the Bronze Star for his service. His years in the military forged lifelong friendships through valor and sacrifice. It was Eric's honor to serve his country and community.

Above all, Eric's family was his pride and joy. He was a loving husband to his wife of 18 years, Shanna, and a committed father to his two kids, Caleb and Lila. His presence was evident in all their lives, and his compassion, love, and steadfastness will be deeply missed by them. A leader of his community in the fullest sense and a dedicated father and husband, Eric will truly be missed by all the lives he touched—colleagues, friends, and family alike. May Eric rest in peace.

HONORING WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER ERIC BARANOWSKI'S 35 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Officer Eric Baranowski for his thirty-eight years of dedicated and distinguished service in law enforcement, including thirty-five years with the Warminster Police Department. His lifelong commitment to public safety and community service exemplifies the very best of American policing.

At a young age, Officer Baranowski knew he wanted to serve his community as a police officer. As a participant in the Warminster Police Explorer Program in the 1980's, he developed a deep respect for the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting others. After graduating from high school in June 1988, he attended the Montgomery County Community College Police Academy, where he began his journey into law enforcement. In April 1989, at nineteen years old, he was hired by the Bryn Athyn Borough Police Department, beginning a remarkable thirty-eight-year career. Two years later, in February 1991, he joined the Warminster Police Department, where he would faithfully serve his community for the next three and a half decades.

During his time, Officer Baranowski developed a strong interest in accident investigation. At a time when the department did not yet offer specialized training in this field, he

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took the initiative to attend courses on his own time, using his personal vacation days to become a certified Accident Reconstructionist. His expertise grew to encompass vehicle, motorcycle, and pedestrian accidents, making him a respected authority figure in traffic safety. As a member of the department's Traffic Safety Unit, he also specialized in speed enforcement, truck enforcement, and weighmaster duties.

Officer Baranowski chose to remain on patrol, believing that he could make the greatest impact by being out in the community—seeing, hearing, and engaging directly with the people he served. This philosophy not only guided his career but earned him the respect, trust, and admiration of Warminster residents.

Among his many accomplishments, one of the most memorable occurred roughly ten years ago, when a series of overnight burglaries struck local pizza and convenience shops. Through patient teamwork and surveillance, he and his fellow officers apprehended the suspects after a brief foot pursuit, uncovering stolen property and solving multiple open burglary cases across several jurisdictions. This case remains a testament to his dedication, vigilance, and the power of teamwork.

Having grown up in Warminster, Officer Baranowski possessed a unique understanding of and connection to his community. His familiarity with residents and business owners made him a trusted figure, someone to whom people could turn in moments of both crisis and celebration. Over the years, he built countless relationships grounded in mutual respect, compassion, and service. His chief often remarked that if something was needed, day or night, Officer Baranowski could make it happen.

Throughout his career, Officer Baranowski supported the people of Warminster through their best and worst moments. He attended weddings, funerals, and community events, celebrating and sharing sorrows with the people he served. His empathy and consistent presence left a lasting mark on countless lives. As Officer Baranowski's career comes to a close, this moment is bittersweet. Though retirement marks the end of an extraordinary career, it does not end his commitment to the community that shaped him. Warminster gave him his roots, his purpose, and a life of service that he will always cherish. He leaves behind a legacy of professionalism, compassion, and integrity that will inspire future generations of officers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Officer Eric Baranowski for his exemplary service to the Warminster community and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His dedication to justice and his unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of others represent the highest ideals of law enforcement. We wish him a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

HONORING THE RAYMONDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BEARKAT MARCHING BAND

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable

achievements of the Raymondville High School Bearkat Marching Band, whose hard work, dedication, and talent have brought immense pride to the community of Raymondville and the Rio Grande Valley.

This year, the Bearkat Band earned an extraordinary honor by placing second in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Marching Band Competition in the Class 3A division. Competing among the very best bands in Texas, the Bearkat Band demonstrated exceptional musical talent, discipline, and teamwork that reflect the highest standards of performance and school spirit.

Through the help of their devoted directors and supported by families, teachers, and the Raymondville community, the Bearkat Band advanced to the state level after earning first place in their area competition. Their journey to the Alamodome in San Antonio was the culmination of countless hours of rehearsal and dedication.

On behalf of the 34th Congressional District of Texas, I wish to congratulate the Raymondville High School Bearkat Marching Band, their directors, and everyone who helped them achieve this extraordinary milestone. Their achievement inspires not only their peers across South Texas but students across the state to pursue their passions.

HONORING GRIOT ARTS, INC.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an enthusiastic and self-motivated community organization, Griot Arts Inc. This dynamic organization is composed of dedicated educators, artists, and community leaders who have tirelessly served the youth and citizens in the City of Clarksdale and Coahoma County, Mississippi.

Based in Clarksdale, MS, Griot Arts Inc. is commitment to nurturing creativity, empowering individuals and fostering strong sense of community belonging. The organization's focus lies in the arts education and workforce development—two powerful tools for creating a brighter and more equitable future. Griot Arts is more than an organization; it is a movement where every brushstroke, every melody, and every creative expression contributes to building a better tomorrow. Through its comprehensive arts education programs, Griot Arts inspires and cultivates the next generation of artists, equipping them with the skills and confidence to excel in their chosen fields and to make meaningful contributions to society. They believe that artistic expression is not only a personal outlet but also a powerful catalyst for community growth and positive change.

In addition to arts education, Griot Arts is deeply dedicated to workforce development. The organization recognizes the importance of preparing individuals for success in today's evolving job market. Through a variety of programs and initiatives, they provide participants with the tools, training, and opportunities needed to achieve economic stability and professional fulfillment.

Furthermore, Griot Arts demonstrates its commitment to community health and wellness

by hosting annual events during October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, including the Zumba-A-Thon "Glow in the Dark," Sunset Yoga, and Boots & Boogie for the Cure at no charge. These events bring the community together in support of awareness, education, and hope.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Griot Arts, Inc. for their unwavering dedication and commitment to empowering youth through art, education, and workforce development continues to enrich the lives of the people of Clarksdale and Coahoma County, Mississippi.

CELEBRATING THE FIRST WOMAN SENIOR PASTOR OF FIRST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a historic moment in our community—the installment of Rev. Dr. Sandra K. James as the first woman senior pastor in the history of First Mount Zion Baptist Church (FMZBC) located in Dumfries, Virginia.

Over twenty-five years ago, Rev. Dr. James began serving at FMZBC, one of the oldest churches in Prince William County. Before her leadership at the church, Rev. Dr. James served our Nation with honor in the United States Army for more than 24 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After retiring from the U.S. Army, Rev. Dr. James continued her leadership and service to others as Assistant Pastor at FMZBC, where she provided guidance in preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and ministry development.

Rev. Dr. James is also a dedicated scholar of faith. She earned a Master's Degree in Theological Studies from Virginia Union University and later went on to earn a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Studies and Ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, which equipped her to serve others with wisdom and compassion.

In 2024, Rev. Dr. James made history when she was appointed Acting Pastor of FMZBC, leading the church with vision and grace. Today, she stands as the 11th Pastor of First Mount Zion Baptist Church, a milestone in the churches' 158-year history.

Mr. Speaker, I want to personally recognize Rev. Dr. James as she makes history as the first woman to pastor First Mount Zion Baptist Church, bringing a fresh vision to meet the challenges of today.

Founded in 1867 by formerly enslaved men and women determined to build a place of worship and community, FMZBC has stood as a symbol of faith and hope in Prince William County. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Rev. Dr. James and the entire First Mount Zion Baptist Church family as they enter this new and inspiring chapter in their church's history.

HONORING JANE CAMPBELL FOR HER SERVICE TO CLEVELAND AND THE U.S. CAPITOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Honorable Jane L. Campbell for her distinguished career in public office and public service. As a Clevelander, a Member of Congress, and a representative of communities across Northeast Ohio, I truly appreciate the varied ways in which she served the people throughout her many years of service.

In 2001, Campbell became the first woman elected Mayor of the City of Cleveland. As Mayor she helped spur economic development in downtown Cleveland and our lakefront, and stabilized the city's finances. And to date, she remains the only female Mayor in Cleveland's history. Campbell's historic mayoralty was preceded by six terms in the Ohio House of Representatives and two terms as Cuyahoga County Commissioner.

Following her time in office, Campbell also served as Chief of Staff for Senator Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Senior Advisor to Senator MARIA CANTWELL of Washington, and worked in leadership roles for the National Development Council, the International Economic Institute, and the National Democratic Institute. Through her years of service, uplifting underserved communities has been a consistent theme.

In 2019, Campbell was appointed as the President and CEO of the United States Capitol Historical Society (USCHS). Chartered by Congress, the USCHS was founded to foster patriotism and to connect the American people with the history that is made inside their Capitol here in Washington. As President, Campbell strengthened and expanded the Historical Society's public events, educational programming, outreach to students, online programming and more.

This week, I join people from across Ohio and the country in celebrating her career and sharing my thanks for her dedication to the ideals of our country.

Jane Campbell made history in Cleveland, and in Washington she led the effort to preserve history. From City Hall to the halls of the Capitol, she championed the virtues of our Republic.

I thank the Honorable Jane Campbell for all the ways she has served. We wish her the best upon her retirement.

HONORING THE LATE VINNIE CARR AS HE IS POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZED AS THE 2025 WEST HAVEN ITALIAN AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with both joy and a heavy heart that I rise today to join the City of West Haven and the West Haven Italian Heritage Committee in paying tribute to

the late, great Vinnie Carr as they honor him as this year's Italian American of the Year. This special award is bestowed annually on a West Haven resident or couple of Italian descent who personifies service in the community, celebrating the contributions of Italian Americans to the City and honoring the Italian immigrant experience. Vinnie Carr was indeed a reflection of the spirit in which this honor is bestowed.

The grandson of immigrants from Naples, Vinnie embraced his Italian heritage with a unique zeal and love of family and community. Vinnie's career in music began at the age of five when he began playing the accordion at his parents' restaurant. He joined the United States Army after his graduation from Wilbur Cross High School and during his time in the service he formed a band and began playing the keyboard. Following his honorable discharge from military service, Vinnie enrolled in the Police Academy and served as an officer in the New Haven Police Department. However, his passion for music never waned and he soon began the Vinnie Carr Orchestra and later Vinnie Carr and the Party Band.

Vinnie was best known as an entertainer—the ever-animated leader of Vinnie Carr and the Party Band as well as the Vinnie Carr Orchestra. Both musical groups were known for their renditions of beloved classical Italian standards as well as performing hits from the 40's 50's and 60's. If there was a community event, particularly an Italian heritage event or gathering, in the Greater New Haven area, you could guarantee that Vinnie Carr was providing the musical entertainment. He also served as the West Haven Senior Center's resident musician for more than forty years. For Vinnie, bringing the delight of his ancestral melodies to live audiences, whether a small group at the senior center or a sea of people on the town green, nourished his soul.

We lost Vinnie just a few short weeks ago. His love of music and Italian heritage touched the lives of many and his one-of-a-kind talent that will be missed by many. His loss will be felt by many, but none more so than his beloved wife, Denise, and his two children, Vinnie, Jr. and Daniella. I join many in extending my heartfelt condolences to them as they receive today's honor in his name. Vinnie Carr was an institution, celebrating his Italian heritage through music and sharing his love for both with the community he called home. I cannot think of a more fitting accolade to recognize his dedication and commitment. I am honored to have called him my friend and proud to join the City of West Haven, the West Haven Italian American Heritage Committee, and the many family and friends gathered today in remembering and thanking Vinnie Carr for all that he gave to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID WILLITS SWANSON

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor and remember the extraordinary life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel David Willits Swanson, a retired officer of the United States

Army, a decorated patriot, and a beloved mentor and leader.

Lieutenant Colonel Swanson's passing is deeply mourned by his family, his fellow soldiers, and the many communities he served so selflessly throughout his life. His life was defined by duty, courage, and an unshakable commitment to service.

From the beginning, Lieutenant Colonel Swanson lived to serve others. A graduate of the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point, he pursued one of the most demanding and honorable callings in our Nation: military service. He underwent rigorous training, completing nearly every combat course available like airborne, infantry, ranger, and more.

During his time in uniform, he answered his country's call not once, but three times—serving multiple tours in both Vietnam and Korea. His bravery and valor on the battlefield earned him some of our Nation's highest military honors: the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, seven Air Medals, and three Meritorious Service Medals. These are more than just decorations—they are symbols of sacrifice, of heroism, and of lives protected through his service.

But Lieutenant Colonel Swanson's commitment to our country did not end on the battlefield. After his combat service, he turned his focus to shaping the next generation of military leaders. He taught at the Command and General Staff College in Kansas, then as Professor of Military Science at the University of Hawaii.

Most notably, he pioneered the first ROTC program at the University of Guam, where his very first freshman class went on to win the Warrior of the Pacific Award. Over the course of his academic service, he commissioned 640 students as Second Lieutenants—young men and women who now continue his legacy in service to our Nation.

We do more than mourn his passing. We celebrate his life that embodied the highest ideals of duty, honor, and country. From every soldier he led, every student he taught, and every life he touched, we salute him.

May we honor his memory by continuing to uphold the values he exemplified, and may his legacy of service forever inspire us all.

HONORING THE BASTROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON RECEIVING OFFICIAL FIVE-STAR ACCREDITATION FROM THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL T. McCaul

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. McCaul. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce for achieving one of the highest distinctions a chamber can receive—Five-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

This recognition is more than just an award; it reflects years of commitment, professionalism, and a deep dedication to strengthening our local economy in Texas. A Five-Star Accreditation is awarded to chambers that demonstrate exceptional leadership, hard work, and a clear vision for the communities they serve.

Today, the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce stands as a testament to what can be achieved when businesses foster collaboration, champion economic growth, and come together to ensure Bastrop is a place where both businesses and families can thrive.

I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce for this astounding achievement. I thank them for their exemplary service, their dedication to excellence, and their ongoing commitment to the people of Bastrop.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORTER-STARKE SERVICES

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to congratulate Porter-Starke Services as it celebrates its 50th anniversary serving the Northwest Indiana community. Opening in 1975, Porter-Starke Services is a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the community through prevention, treatment, education, and research.

Over the past 50 years, Porter-Starke Services has consistently grown and adapted to serve the evolving needs of communities in Northwest Indiana with adults, families, adolescents, and children with mental health or substance abuse issues. With offices in Valparaiso, Knox, Portage, Gary, Hebron, and La Porte, the nonprofit began by providing partial and inpatient hospitalization, outpatient therapy, and psychiatry in Porter County, and outpatient mental health services in Starke County. Today, Porter-Starke Services serves over 20,000 adults, families, adolescents, and children each year, offering a full continuum of care tailored to specific needs. In addition to being a CMHC, Porter-Starke Services operates an inpatient psychiatric hospital, opioid treatment program, and a federally qualified health center (FQHC).

It is because of the organization's dedicated team of doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, case managers, peer recovery and engagement specialists, medical assistants, administrators, and support staff that Porter-Starke Services is able to provide a comprehensive array of essential mental health services, substance use treatment, crisis care, and primary healthcare services. The passion and commitment of these steadfast team members to address mental illness and substance use within our community is an inspiration to our entire region.

Porter-Starke Services' leadership, including its Board of Directors, work collaboratively to address public health issues and disparities that impact residents. Working with local hospitals, health clinics, social service providers, non-profit organizations, schools, law enforcement, and local businesses, Porter-Starke Services values community collaboration to respond to the health needs of the community. For their efforts to provide care to the most vulnerable in our communities and improve the quality of life in Northwest Indiana, Porter-Starke Services is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all my distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the contributions of Porter-Starke Services on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

HONORING YAJAIRA RUBIO MACHADO AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yajaira Rubio Machado as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year in tribute to her visionary cultural leadership and tireless dedication to her community. Her work has left a lasting impact in Vallejo, California, and beyond. As the Founder and Director of Moon Azteca Dance and Art School, has elevated Mexican heritage and indigenous traditions, bringing their richness to the forefront of community life. Even during times of financial hardship and through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, she remained steadfast in her mission of ensuring that young people stayed connected, creative, and proud of their cultural identity. Among her most notable accomplishments was her leadership in formalizing the Sister City agreement between Vallejo and Ensenada, Mexico. This diplomatic and cultural achievement exemplifies her ability to turn vision into sustained international partnerships bridging communities through shared heritage and mutual respect. Yajaira's service spans numerous civic, business, and cultural organizations, where she continues to empower others and advocate for inclusion and representation. Her contributions have preserved and promoted cultural expression, created pathways for youth development, and inspired civic pride. Yajaira's leadership stands as a shining example of how cultural diplomacy and grassroots engagement can strengthen and transform communities. Her unwavering resilience, community-first mindset, and creative spirit serve as an inspiration to all who know her. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Yajaira Rubio Machado for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RONALD J. VOLINO

HON. GEORGE LATIMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary honoring the life of Dr. Ronald J. Volino:

Dr. Ronald J. Volino, lifelong resident of the City of Yonkers and beloved husband, father, grandfather and podiatric physician and surgeon, went home to the Lord on June 25, 2025 at the age of 83. Ron's sincerity, warmth and genuine care for his fellow man made him widely respected and loved. With his infectious smile and exuberance for life, Ron spread joy wherever he went, leaving an

indelible mark on so many lives. Everyone in his presence felt special.

Born on January 18, 1942, to Dr. Liborio A. Volino and Palma (Traficante) Volino, Ron attended St. Barnabas Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament High School and Manhattan College. Ron grew up spending fabulous summers in the Catskills with his parents, brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles, and the family summer home was filled with laughter, music, food and swimming. After losing his older brother at the tender age of 9, followed by both his parents before the age of 23, Ron showed a remarkable resilience and commitment to live life to the fullest, knowing that tomorrow is never promised. On July 10, 1966, he married his neighborhood sweetheart, Annette Musco, and together they were blessed with four children, the first of which became their special angel shortly after birth.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Liborio Volino, a family medical doctor who practiced in Yonkers for decades, Ron became a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1971 and dedicated his office to the memory of his father with a beautiful commemorative plaque. Just like his father, he set up a home office to be close to his children so that he could spend more time with them. On breaks, he would take off his white coat and have a tea party in the backyard with his daughters or play basketball with his son. Also like his father, Ron took exceptional and compassionate care of his patients who appreciated his dedication and kind, gentle approach to their care. Ron was proud and happy to make house calls to the home-bound with his father's medical bag in hand and cared for his patients until he became physically unable to do so.

Despite his professional demands, which included the addition of two offices in New York City and his role as an attending physician at Mount Vernon Hospital, Ron always prioritized his family. As a father, he was in the audience at his daughters' dance recitals, and his roaring voice was heard from the sidelines at football games cheering on his son. There was always time to talk after a long day at the office or to roll up his sleeves to work into the wee hours of the night to get a school project completed with his children. Ron loved to celebrate life's special moments with elaborate parties that brought family and friends together in love and joy.

When his five grandchildren came along, his joy and loving heart only multiplied and each one of them grew a special bond with their "Pop Pop." When his children asked him how they could ever repay him for all the love and support he offered them, Ron told them that all he wanted was for them to do the same for their children. As Ron's parents did not have the privilege of meeting his children, Ron felt great satisfaction at having met and shared his love with each of his grandchildren whom he absolutely adored. He relished hugging and kissing them, surprising them with smiley-face bakery cookies, and taking them to Carvel for his favorite "frozen custard."

Ron felt great pride in his Italian heritage and had enormous respect and admiration for his ancestors who overcame obstacles to provide him a life filled with opportunities. He gave them credit for his success and had a moving experience with his wife and children visiting the Italian town his grandfather emigrated from to obtain his grandfather's birth certificate from the town hall. He was a member of the Order of the Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (John D. Calandra Lodge) and served as Grand Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade for the City of Yonkers in 2012. He was recognized as "Man of the Year" by the Congress of Italian

American Organizations (CIAO) in 2005. He had a great devotion to St. Joseph and, carrying on a family tradition, celebrated every St. Joseph's Day by erecting an elaborate altar ordained with candles, flowers and blessed bread to share with guests.

Ron devoted much of his time spent outside of his work and family life to numerous community organizations. A proud and lifelong resident of Yonkers, he loved the City and looked for ways to make it a better place. For the past 40 years he devoted himself to the East Yonkers Kiwanis Club, serving as President many times as well as Lieutenant Governor and bringing his children with him to many of the club's service projects to instill in them the value of service to others. He was also a member of the Hyatt Civic Association, the Yonkers Beautification Conservancy, the Yonkers Animal Shelter Committee, and the Male Glee Club of Yonkers. Ron was honored as "Man of the Year" by the YWCA of Yonkers in 2006. He was active in local politics, enjoying the camaraderie and friendships that came from connecting with others about community affairs, and served on the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission from 2011 to 2013.

Ron's good heart and kind nature were apparent to all who witnessed his volunteer work. Whether it was distributing turkeys before Thanksgiving, working the BBQ grill at a picnic for nursing home residents, honoring nonagenarians at the "90 Plus" event, or even dancing the Macarena as Santa Clause at a YWCA Christmas party, the sincere joy that helping others brought him was palpable. In Ron's work with others, he had an amazing ability to connect with people from all walks of life to make them feel welcome and comfortable in his presence.

Ron had a love for the great outdoors and enjoyed many hunting trips with friends and camping with his children. He relished natural beauty and enjoyed taking photos of beautiful scenery. He took his family on so many memorable trips to explore the world, one being a month-long cross-country adventure with the entire family and the family dog and another being a tour of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. As a skilled equestrian, he desired to share his love of horses and the peace and serenity they brought him with visually impaired children by giving them the opportunity to ride a horse. Together with his dear friend Neal Petrucci, these two men of great compassion and heart made that idea into a reality.

Ron is survived by his wife of 58 years, Annette, and his three children Palma McCormick and her husband Paul, Victoria Moore and her husband Edward, and Vincent Volino and his wife Marisa, his five grandchildren, Grace Moore, Rose Moore, Faith McCormick, Anna Volino and Anthony Ronald Volino, extended family and many loyal friends whom he embraced as family. He is predeceased by his parents, his brothers Frank A. Volino and Anton Volino and many dear aunts, uncles and cousins. May all who were touched by Ron's life carry forth his gentle, generous and humble spirit and embody the essence of his favorite quote from his beloved musical, *Les Misérables*: "To love another person is to see the face of God."

RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE GABRIEL GONZALEZ OF THE SAN BENITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Gabriel Gonzalez of the San Benito Police Department in San Benito, Texas, for his outstanding service and dedication to justice.

Detective Gonzalez currently serves in the Criminal Investigations Division's Special Investigations Unit, where he has demonstrated exceptional investigative skill and leadership. Over the past six years, his work has been instrumental in solving some of the most complex and high-profile cases in our community.

Earlier this year, Detective Gonzalez led the investigation into the tragic fentanyl-related death of a young man in San Benito. Through meticulous investigative work, Detective Gonzalez identified and apprehended the suspect responsible for distributing the narcotics that caused the victim's death. His efforts ultimately led to a confession and a murder conviction, bringing a measure of justice to the victim's family and accountability to those who endanger our communities.

More recently, Detective Gonzalez served as the lead investigator in a fatal shooting in San Benito that left one victim deceased and another critically injured. Working closely with state and federal law enforcement partners, he helped negotiate the successful surrender of the suspect, who had fled across the border into Mexico. The suspect was apprehended within 24-hours and later confessed to his crimes—a testament to Detective Gonzalez's swift coordination and determination to deliver justice.

Mr. Speaker, Detective Gabriel Gonzalez's unwavering commitment to protecting the people of San Benito and the greater Rio Grande Valley embodies the very best of our law enforcement community. His professionalism, courage, and dedication to truth and justice reflect great credit upon himself and the San Benito Police Department.

I am proud to represent Detective Gonzalez and recognize his exemplary service to the people of San Benito and all of South Texas.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
REVEREND ADREN BIVINS, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of a loving husband, dedicated father, former pro wrestler, outstanding Man of God, and devoted spiritual leader, Reverend Adren Bivins, Sr., who passed from labor to reward on November 6, 2025. A funeral service to celebrate his remarkable and committed life was held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Bainbridge, Georgia.

Born to the union of Abraham Bivins and Hazel Sapp Bivins on January 22, 1950, Rev-

erend Bivins was raised in Plant City, Florida before setting down roots and raising his family in Decatur County, Georgia. After losing his father at age nine, young Adren helped his mother support the family by picking strawberries and oranges to help his two younger brothers. A 1968 graduate of Marshall High School, Adren was an accomplished athlete who played football and earned a full athletic scholarship to Prairie View A&M University in Houston, Texas. He later transferred to Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida where he was a member of the amateur wrestling team and majored in Mental Health and Social Work.

After college, Reverend Bivins was offered opportunities to play professional football for both the Chicago Bears and the Dallas Cowboys but instead followed his passion for wrestling. He later enlisted in the United States Army where he would serve as a Military Police officer before receiving an honorable discharge.

At the conclusion of his service in the U.S. Army, Reverend Bivins went on to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a professional wrestler, performing for over 35 years under the name "The Black Assassin." Standing 6'7" tall and weighing 350 pounds, he was a powerful presence in the ring. Throughout his career, he wrestled across the United States and abroad with major organizations including the WWF, WCW, NWA, WWE, ICW, and Florida Championship Wrestling. He competed alongside many legendary figures such as the Brisco Brothers, Harley Race, André the Giant, Dusty Rhodes, Dick Slater, Wahoo McDaniel, and Rocky Johnson.

It was during a charity wrestling event in Bainbridge, Georgia, that he met the love of his life, Sylvia Jefferson of Fowlstown, Georgia. Reverend and Mrs. Bivins would have celebrated 42 years of marriage on December 27, 2025. The two married and built a life together, raising two beloved sons. During his time in Southwest Georgia, Reverend Bivins held numerous roles in the community, including Health Service Technician at the local hospital, Security Guard, author, pastor, Parent Teacher Organization President, Cub Scout leader, and YMCA football coach. Additionally, before becoming a pastor, he faithfully served at Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church as an usher, chorus member, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School instructor, and Laymen President, where he initiated a church basketball project.

As parents, Reverend Bivins and his wife, Sylvia, worked hard to raise their sons and set them on a path to success. But as their sons grew older, they went the extra mile and answered God's call to start a new community organization that could minister to at-risk youth and alleviate poverty and violence in Decatur County. After he was ordained as a minister, Reverend Bivins began preaching and ministering to the congregations of Emanuel M.B. Church and First Morning Star M.B. Church. Following his pastoral service, Reverend and Mrs. Bivins founded The Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Ministry in 2007 and began ministering to young males in the community who were in need of shelter, hot meals, and spiritual mentoring. As a dedicated professional with a diverse set of life skills and experiences—from servicemember to pastor—Reverend Bivins was uniquely positioned for outreach to disadvantaged young men, and he worked hard

to ensure those he helped got on the right path, stayed out of trouble, and reached for new transformative opportunities like employment, military service, and education. He could often be seen handing a Bible and a belt to the young men he encountered—a Bible to read the word of God and a belt to add to their wardrobe.

Over the next few years, Reverend Bivins worked with local organizations, as well as the Decatur County Board of Commissioners, to expand the ministry's services. With the support of the community, the Ministry began to offer a full range of services to at-risk youth, including bible studies, one-on-one counseling, recreational sports, school supplies, and food baskets. Over the course of its lifetime, The Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Ministry has provided guidance and assistance to countless individuals in the community, predominantly young Black men, who otherwise would have had nowhere to turn for help or counsel.

Reverend Bivins received many awards and recognitions throughout his life, including being named the Decatur County Kiwanis Man of the Year (2002), Secretary of State Outstanding Georgia Citizen (2004), NAACP Man of the Year (2007), as well as countless certificates of recognition and appreciation from numerous Georgia and local officials, recognizing his work helping his neighbors in need. In 2018, he was honored with induction into the NWA, WCCW, and ICW Wrestling Halls of Fame. And in October 2025, just a month before his passing, Reverend Bivins was surprised with his induction into the Georgia Old School Championship Wrestling Wall of Fame, an honor that celebrated his mentorship of many wrestlers and his service in the community to help struggling youths.

Reverend Bivins accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and support of his beloved wife, Sylvia; his 7 children; and a host of family, friends, church members, and loved ones who will miss him dearly.

Sir Winston Churchill often said: "You make your living by what you get, you make your life by what you give." Reverend Bivins spent his life giving himself to others, and thus truly made his life. His decades of ministry to the people of Southwest Georgia have left his community safer, more connected, and more prosperous, and the loss that is felt reflects the legacy he left behind. Truly, the world is a better place because Reverend Adren Bivins, Sr. passed this way.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with countless others in saluting and honoring Reverend Adren Bivins, Sr. for his remarkable service to his community. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, loved ones and all who mourn his loss. We pray that they all will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

HONORING THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, in 1875, Samuel Johnson, a Yale University educated agricultural chemist, founded the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, the first of its kind in the United States. Agriculture has always been an important economic driver in Connecticut and Dr. Johnson sought to create a space for the purpose of promoting agriculture by scientific investigation and experiments. The Ag Station, as we affectionately call it, began its work in the area of consumer protection with the analysis of agricultural feeds and fertilizers. Today, that work has expanded into a number of fields of study and industry.

Perhaps I am a bit biased, as the Ag Station is a former neighbor of mine, but I have always been fascinated by both the unique architecture of its buildings as well as the research that is conducted throughout its historic halls. In fact, due to its preeminence as the first of its kind in the United States, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964. Should you have the chance to tour the Station, you will find lab facilities filled with all kinds of invasive species—Insects like beetles, mosquitoes, and ticks as well as aquatic plants like hydrilla, water fern, and Carolina fanwort. And should you be in Connecticut during the first week of August, you can join the Ag Station's team for their Annual Plant Science Day at Lockwood Farm. It is a wonderful showcase of the staff's incredible work.

The Ag Station has made tremendous contributions not only to agriculture but to the fields of health, forestry, and plant science as well. From researching methods to combat tick-borne illnesses like Lyme Disease and the West Nile Virus to identifying invasive plant, animal, and insect species like Hydrilla and the Emerald Ash Borer to providing analytical data in food safety and vector-borne illness, the critical work done at the Ag Experiment Station not only impacts our local communities, but those across the nation. The commitment, dedication, knowledge and expertise of its staff have made a real difference in the lives of millions.

Today, as this unique and important agency marks its 150th Anniversary, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and its team of scientists and researchers for their extraordinary work. Over the course of its one-hundred-fifty-year history, it has changed and expanded its work, but, at its heart, the Ag Station continues its mission to promote agriculture. Over the course of my tenure in Congress, I have been so proud to work with them in leveraging federal resources to improve the quality of life for Americans throughout the country. My heartfelt congratulations to this extraordinary organization and, as we say in Italian, "C'ent Anni!"

HONORING YVETTE WILLIAMS-BARR AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yvette Williams-Barr as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her extraordinary dedication to education, community revitalization, and public service in the City of Richmond. As Senior Administrative Analyst for the City's Literacy for Every Adult Program (LEAP), Yvette brings leadership, innovation, and compassion to one of Richmond's most impactful educational initiatives. Her work empowers adult learners through literacy and lifelong learning, opening doors to opportunity and personal growth for countless community members. A lifelong Richmond resident, Yvette has played a pivotal role in the city's cultural and economic renewal through more than a decade of service as an Executive and Board Member of the Richmond Main Street Initiative. With deep expertise in media and communications, she has shaped the organization's public presence, strengthened outreach efforts, and served as a dynamic spokesperson on behalf of Richmond. Yvette's commitment to advocacy continues through her leadership as President of Local 21 IFPTE, where she represents fellow union members with integrity, fairness, and a spirit of collaboration. In every role, she uplifts others connecting people, mentoring colleagues, and helping build a stronger Richmond. Equally inspiring is Yvette's devotion to her family. As the proud mother of five, including a son currently serving in the United States Coast Guard, she exemplifies resilience, generosity, and balance. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize Yvette Williams-Barr for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VALLEY BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary of service to the Rio Grande Valley.

Valley Baptist first opened its doors in 1925 as Valley Baptist Hospital, a modest 35-bed facility on "F" Street. From those humble beginnings, the hospital quickly became an essential institution for Harlingen and South Texas. Today, as it marks its centennial, Valley Baptist Medical Center houses 586 beds and serves as one of the Valley's most critical healthcare providers.

The hospital is commemorating this milestone with a centennial history project—a wall installation that will tell the story of Valley Baptist's evolution and its partnership with the city

of Harlingen. The project highlights the hospital's role in guiding the community through defining moments, from the Great Depression to hurricanes, the polio epidemic, and modern medical breakthroughs.

For 100 years, Valley Baptist Medical Center has been more than a hospital. It has been a place where families have welcomed new life, where loved ones have received life-saving care, and where generations of healthcare workers have built meaningful careers in service to others. Its legacy is woven into the history of the city itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Valley Baptist Medical Center and in recognizing the extraordinary contributions it has made to the Rio Grande Valley. May its next century be marked by continued growth, innovation, and service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE NEABSCO BAPTIST CHURCH FOR SERVING FAMILIES IN NEED

HON. EUGENE SIMON VINDMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Neabsco Baptist Church located in Woodbridge, Virginia for their extraordinary commitment to serving families in need.

During the height of pandemic, the church created the Food Giveaway Program to help members from the congregation put food on their tables. As the harmful impacts of the pandemic spread throughout the Prince William County, the church expanded its mission—opening its doors to the entire community.

As of today, volunteers come together once a week to package and distribute food boxes to families across the community. What started as a small operation has now grown into a critical lifeline for thousands. The Neabsco Baptist Church has now provided food to over 5 million families, ensuring that no one goes hungry.

I want to personally thank the Neabsco Baptist Church and all the volunteers for their unwavering commitment and generosity. Having had the opportunity to join them alongside my team to pack food boxes, I have witnessed firsthand their compassion and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Neabsco Baptist Church for the lasting impact it has made on the lives of families throughout the Prince William County community.

HONORING JOYCE T. ARCENEAUX-MATHIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable servant, Joyce T. Arceneaux-Mathis.

Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis is a cum laude graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she earned a degree

in Music Education. She later received a magna cum laude Master of Music Education degree from Loyola University.

Mrs. Arceneaux-Mathis has 38 years of experience in education, including 30 years of dedicated service to students in the Natchez-Adams County School District, four years in the Detroit Public Schools, and four years as President of the Mississippi Association of Educators. She currently serves as an adjunct instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College's Natchez Campus, where she teaches Music Appreciation.

In 1996, Mrs. Arceneaux-Mathis became the first Black woman elected to the Natchez Board of Aldermen, representing Ward 1. In that position, she has chaired the Utilities, Public Properties, Fire, and Recreation Committees. In 2008, she was selected by the Board of Aldermen to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore, a role she held until 2020. She was inducted into the Mississippi Municipal League's Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mrs. Arceneaux-Mathis has also been deeply involved in civic and political engagement. She was elected as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention for three assemblies—1992, 1996, and 2000—and served as an At-Large Member of the Democratic National Committee from 1993 to 2001. In 1998, she made an historic run for Congress to represent Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District.

Joyce is the daughter of Eddie and Thelma Turner. She is married to Jewell Mathis and is the proud mother of Joycelyn Yvette Hooker. She is a member of St. John United Methodist Church, a retired member of the Retired Education Personnel of Mississippi, and Director of The Mathis School of Music. She currently serves as President of the Natchez NAACP and is a founding member of the Natchez Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Mrs. Arceneaux-Mathis has been named Woman of the Year by the Bluff City Post and has received three citations from the Natchez NAACP, including the Medgar Evers Award for "Enhancing the Dream" (2014), Woman of the year (2016), and the Phillip "Bucket" West Public Official Award (2018).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Joyce T. Arceneaux-Mathis for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and lifelong service to the Natchez, Mississippi community.

CELEBRATING THE MINNEAPOLIS AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Minneapolis American Indian Center on its 50th anniversary. Since opening its doors on Franklin Avenue in 1975, the Center has been a cornerstone of support, empowerment, and cultural preservation for the more than 35,000 tribally diverse American Indians living in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

Guided by strong Native values, the Minneapolis American Indian Center has carried

out its mission through a wide range of programs and services that preserve cultural traditions and create pathways for opportunity. Its youth, elder, and intergenerational programs provide stability, encourage academic achievement, improve health and wellness, and help break the cycle of generational poverty. Importantly, all programs and services are provided at no cost to participants, ensuring equitable access to resources.

Over the past five decades, the Center has developed and expanded initiatives that address the holistic needs of community members. Programs such as Family Services, Youth Services, the Culture Language Arts Network, Native Fitness and Nutrition, and more all reflect the Center's broad impact. The Family Stability Program, for example, provides case management, financial aid, and critical connections to prevent families from entering the child protection system. Meanwhile, the Native Fitness and Nutrition Program successfully promotes physical activity and healthy nutrition among Native families by providing free gym and fitness center space and exercise and sport activities.

The Minneapolis American Indian Center has also made significant contributions to arts and culture. The renovated facility includes expanded gallery and studio spaces, language classes, dance, and film festivals. The Two Rivers Gallery nurtures emerging Native artists by offering exhibition opportunities, creativity support, and professional development. Through the Boys & Girls Club of the Minneapolis American Indian Center, Native youth are empowered with culturally relevant opportunities to grow, lead, dream, and realize their full potential.

I am proud that my office was able to secure \$3 million in federal funding to support the renovation and expansion of the Minneapolis American Indian Center. These investments have created new health and wellness facilities, strengthened youth programming, and ensured that this vital institution will continue to thrive for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Minneapolis American Indian Center's 50 years of service. Its tireless work has strengthened families and enriched cultural traditions across Minnesota. The Center stands as a powerful example of resilience, community, and the enduring strength of Native nations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY OLSZEWSKI, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I necessarily missed the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 284.

CONGRATULATING CALVO ENTERPRISES, INC. ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. MOYLAN

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, the year 2025 marks a major milestone in Guam's history—

the 50th anniversary of Calvo Enterprises, Inc., a family-owned company that has become a cornerstone of our island's economy and community life.

The story of Calvo Enterprises begins nearly a century ago, in 1938, when Eduardo "Jake" Calvo founded Guam's first locally owned insurance agency. At the time, he could not have imagined that his vision would grow into a multi-generational enterprise shaping so many aspects of life on our island. Yet from those modest beginnings, the Calvo family built a foundation of entrepreneurship and service that continues to this day.

Over the decades, the family's ventures expanded beyond insurance into wholesale distribution, retail, broadcasting, healthcare, real estate, and tourism. By the 1970's, under the leadership of Jake's sons Paul, Edward, and Jerry, these businesses were formally brought together under one structure—Calvo Enterprises, Inc. (CEI, established in 1975).

Since then, CEI has become one of Guam's most dynamic business groups. It secured the Pepsi bottling franchise, making Mid-Pacific Distributors a household name. It acquired KUAM, Guam's oldest television and radio station, ensuring that local voices would continue to have a strong platform. It transformed PayLess Supermarkets into the island's leading grocery chain. And it launched Calvo's SelectCare, which today provides health coverage for thousands of individuals and families.

But what makes this 50-year milestone so significant is not just the breadth of the businesses, it is the enduring impact on Guam's people. Through its companies, CEI has created jobs, modernized industries, and introduced new consumer choices. Through its civic partnerships, it has helped develop cultural and tourism landmarks such as Two Lovers Point. And through its philanthropy, it has stood beside families in times of hardship, most notably through the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, which continues to support patients and their loved ones.

The Calvo family's contributions have also extended into public service. Governor Paul M. Calvo and Governor Eddie Baza Calvo each brought their business experience to government, guiding Guam through periods of challenge and transition. Their leadership reflected the same qualities that defined their family business: fiscal discipline, innovation, and a belief that Guam's future is worth investing in.

Today, CEI is led by the third generation—Leonard P. Calvo, Jake Calvo, and Eddie Baza Calvo—who continue to steer the company with the same values their grandfather instilled: hard work, integrity, and care for community. Their recent acquisitions and ventures, from Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance to the opening of Guam's first Daiso store, demonstrate a forward-looking vision while staying rooted in Guam's needs.

Anniversaries are not just markers of time; they are reminders of legacy. For fifty years, Calvo Enterprises has helped build the economy of Guam, but more importantly, it has helped build trust, resilience, and opportunity for the people of Guam. Few companies can claim such a wide-ranging and positive impact.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Calvo family and to every employee, past and present, who has contributed to this extraordinary journey.

HONORING THE 2025 WORTHWHILE GALA'S SPEAKER: T ORTIZ

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman whose courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to justice have transformed countless lives across our Nation and around the world. It is my distinct honor to recognize T Ortiz, who is the Guest Speaker at the 2025 Worthwhile Gala.

Ms. Ortiz's story is one of profound resilience and relentless hope. As a survivor who turned her most difficult experiences into a lifelong calling to protect others, she stands as a powerful reminder of the strength of the human spirit. For more than 15 years, she has been a leading force in the fields of anti-trafficking, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems reform. Her expertise is not merely professional. It is deeply personal, driven by empathy and the belief that every child deserves safety, every survivor deserves dignity, and every community deserves the tools to stand against exploitation.

Her impact is felt in boardrooms, classrooms, courtrooms, and every space where decisions about vulnerable children and survivors are made. Ms. Ortiz has shaped policies at the highest levels of government, ensuring that survivor voices are not just included but are central in the fight against trafficking and exploitation. Her insights have informed national and international strategies, and her leadership has guided lawmakers, agencies, nonprofit organizations, and service providers toward more humane and effective practices.

The world has taken notice of her extraordinary contributions. Ms. Ortiz has earned global recognition from prestigious institutions such as TIME Magazine, GLAMOUR Magazine, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and many others who have celebrated her as a trailblazer and a beacon of hope. These honors speak not only to her achievements but also to her heart. Her heart has compassion, humility, and an unwavering devotion that guides her work every day.

Mr. Speaker, what sets Ms. Ortiz apart is not just her expertise, but her spirit. She leads with grace. She advocates with love. She carries the stories of survivors with her, and she ensures those stories fuel lasting change. At the 2025 Worthwhile Gala, her presence reminds us that progress is possible when we listen, when we care, and when we choose to fight for those who cannot always fight for themselves.

As Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Task Force to End Human Trafficking, I am especially grateful for leaders like Ms. Ortiz. Leaders who illuminate the path forward and inspire all of us to do more, try harder, and serve better. Her voice has strengthened our Nation's efforts to confront injustice, and her example challenges each of us to act with greater compassion and courage.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating T Ortiz for her remarkable achievements, her transformative leadership, and her profound dedication to creating a world where every person, especially every

child, is protected, valued, and free. Her work embodies the very best of who we aspire to be.

CELEBRATING COALITION FOR FAMILY HARMONY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Coalition for Family Harmony as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of unwavering service, compassion, and commitment to protecting survivors, rebuilding lives, and strengthening families across Ventura County.

For half a century, the Coalition for Family Harmony has stood as a lifeline for those in crisis and a guiding light for survivors seeking safety, strength, and healing. Since 1976, the Coalition has provided life-saving and life-changing support to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Based in Ventura County and operating the county's only rape crisis center, the Coalition helps survivors rebuild their lives and create healthier, safer futures. Through its tireless work, the Coalition not only restores hope and independence but also helps end the patterns of abuse that have long harmed families and communities.

What began as a small grassroots effort to provide safety and shelter has grown into a steadfast source of care, understanding, and healing for our community. Over the course of five decades, the Coalition has gone far beyond providing shelter and counseling. It has offered a path forward. Out of the bleakest of moments, the Coalition has provided survivors light, and in their most difficult hours, it has been there with the support that many never knew was possible. Through its 24-hour bilingual crisis hotline, community education, prevention programs, and trauma-informed services, the Coalition has made it possible for survivors and their loved ones to rebuild their lives with dignity and resilience.

This extraordinary work would not be possible without the dedicated staff, volunteers, and advocates who carry out a mission that truly changes lives. Their compassion, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to justice have touched countless individuals and strengthened our entire community. As the Coalition celebrates this remarkable milestone during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are reminded that its mission to build stronger, safer, and more resilient families has never been more vital.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep admiration and heartfelt gratitude that I recognize the Coalition for Family Harmony for fifty years of extraordinary service. I thank every staff member, volunteer, and supporter who has carried this mission forward for being a beacon of hope and healing in Ventura County and beyond.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JACKLYN RODRIGUEZ OF THE PHARR POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Jacklyn Rodriguez of the Pharr Police Department in Pharr, Texas, for her exceptional courage, professionalism, and dedication to service as a Mental Health Officer.

Officer Rodriguez embodies the compassion and commitment that defines the best of law enforcement. Each day, she responds to some of the most difficult and unpredictable situations. Through her calm demeanor and skilled communication, she has helped de-escalate countless mental health crises, ensuring that vulnerable individuals receive the care they need while keeping our community safe.

Her leadership has transformed how the department approaches mental health intervention. Under her guidance, the Pharr Police Department's Mental Health Unit earned statewide recognition, receiving the Martha Arbuckle Award from the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. Officer Rodriguez also spearheaded the department's first "Walking to Wellness Fair," an event that brought residents together to promote wellness, awareness, and unity across the community.

Officer Rodriguez's service reflects the highest ideals of her profession: courage, compassion in moments of crisis, and an unwavering commitment to the people of Pharr. Her example reminds us that true public safety is rooted in understanding your community and humanity.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Officer Jacklyn Rodriguez and to recognize the profound impact she continues to have on the people of Pharr and all of South Texas.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE 1961 PLANE CRASH

HON. RYAN MACKENZIE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, to honor the memory of the 29 victims who lost their lives in a tragic plane crash on November 8, 1961, including fourteen young men from Bethlehem.

These young soldiers, most just out of high school, were on their way to basic training at Fort Jackson when their flight went down outside Richmond, Virginia. In an instant, families lost sons and brothers. Our community lost neighbors, classmates, and friends. And our Nation lost young patriots preparing to serve in defense of freedom during one of the darkest chapters of the Cold War.

In the aftermath, their sacrifice led to reforms in military air transport standards—changes that have saved countless lives in the decades since. What was once a devastating loss became a catalyst for increased accountability and safety.

Today, a monument in Bethlehem stands as a reminder of the price these families paid and the values these young men embodied: service, duty, and love of country.

May we never forget their names, their courage, or the community that still feels their absence more than sixty years later. And may their memory continue to inspire gratitude and resolve in all of us who benefit from the freedoms they never had the chance to fully experience.

We remember them and include their names in the RECORD:

Albert W. Andreas, Robert S. Bedics, Barry A. Brandt, Donald F. Doyle, Thomas D. Gasda, Richard W. Jones, Joseph J. Kobli, Stephen M. Kobli, Leroy Kranich, Jr., Thomas A. Motko, Michael Placotaris, Albert J. Rice, John D. Schuler, and Charles D. Yeakel.

HONORING TSGT NY VU AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of TSgt Ny Vu, as she is honored as one of California's 8th Congressional District's Women of the Year for her extraordinary service, leadership, and innovation which have had a lasting impact on our military and our community. As the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Financial Operations for the 60th Comptroller Squadron, Sergeant Vu leads the largest financial team in Air Mobility Command, supporting over 16,000 personnel and managing a \$1 billion civilian pay portfolio. Her leadership ensures financial readiness across three wings and 11 Combatant Commands. During a critical staffing shortage, Sergeant Vu stepped into a Company Grade Officer role, executing over \$1 million in payments and restoring financial mobility for 7,000 members in just 12 days. She has led joint-service financial operations, standardized procedures, and mentored junior officers, strengthening leadership across the force. Her innovations, including an Air Force-wide fraud detection tool and deployment of mobile financial systems, have modernized operations and reduced pay errors to a five-year low. She also contributed to designing a new global disbursing system now in use at 78 bases.

Born in Rach Gia, Vietnam, Sergeant Vu immigrated to the U.S. after spending time in a refugee camp. Her service since 2006 includes assignments in Europe, Asia, and four deployments to the Middle East. Her resilience and excellence have earned her multiple awards and promotions. Her service embodies the highest ideals of the Air Force and the American spirit. On behalf of the people of California's 8th Congressional District, it is my pleasure to honor and recognize TSgt Ny Vu for her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING COLONEL RICHARD S. FRANKS ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 86TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Ms. DELAUR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join family, friends, and the congregation members of Zion Baptist Church in Waterbury, Connecticut as they gather to celebrate the 86th birthday of Colonel Richard S. Franks.

The third of six children and the eldest son, Colonel Franks was born and raised in Waterbury, Connecticut, spending his childhood in both the North End and the City's southern section of Town Plot. He attended Walsh Grade School and graduated from Leavenworth High School before pursuing his collegiate studies. Colonel Franks went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina Central University and then his Master's Degree from Howard University. His studies prepared him for a career in social work, where he specialized as a psychiatric social worker.

As was the same for so many at the time, the Vietnam War played a defining role in Colonel Franks' life path. It was either get drafted and almost certainly be sent straight to the front lines or seek assistance in finding a way to use his professional skills to aid in the war effort. He sought the advice and guidance of then Congressman John Monagan. It was through these conversations and the efforts of Congressman Monagan that he joined the United States Army. Though his enlistment committed him to four years of service, it also allowed him to quickly earn the rank of 2nd Lieutenant enabling him to be assigned to a stateside military/veteran hospital where his professional background was put to good use working with injured and returning soldiers.

He served four years active duty and then joined the Army Reserves where he continued to serve and earn the rank of full Colonel. After his honorable discharge and while serving as a reservist, Colonel Franks also worked for the Connecticut Veterans' Affairs Department using his skills to help his fellow veterans. Today, he is without doubt the oldest Black retired Colonel in Connecticut and likely one of the nation's as well.

In addition to his service to our nation and his fellow veterans, Colonel Franks has also been an active member of his community, particularly with the Zion Baptist Church, serving in a number of leadership roles including as a Trustee and Deacon. He and his wife, Dolores, have lived in the quaint community of Prospect, Connecticut for more than fifty years, raising two children and relishing the joys of being grandparents to three and great-grandparents to two. He continues to enjoy time with his five siblings as well—three sisters, Joan, Bonita, and Ruthie—as well as his two brothers, Marvin and former Connecticut Congressman Gary Franks. Today, as he marks his 86th birthday, he can reflect on a life well-lived and know that his many contributions have enriched countless lives and left an indelible mark on his community. I am honored to have this opportunity to rise today to wish Colonel Richard S. Franks a very happy birthday.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF RUDY CORDOVA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Rudy Cordova, a beloved figure in Santa Ana whose spirit, vision, and generosity left a profound mark on our city and the 46th Congressional District. Rudy was a community builder. He believed in the power of culture, art, and connection to bring people together. He created space for artists, for creativity, and for community to flourish. His work gave life to possibilities for those who may have otherwise gone unseen or unheard. His voice became the voice of those around him.

Rudy lived as a proud “Santanero,” someone rooted in the place and people he loved deeply. He drew people in by opening doors, literally and figuratively, to opportunities, gatherings, dialogue, and artistic expression.

The canvas of his life was colored by commitment to cultural heritage, to mutual respect, and to inclusion of everyone in our community.

His legacy will be measured in the moments of human connections he fostered. The young artist who found a gallery wall because of him. The neighbor who found a place at the table because he made it available. The community that felt supported and heard.

As we commemorate Rudy’s legacy, let us also commit ourselves to carry forward his vision of open-hearted community and to serve with the same kindness and courage that Rudy embodied. In the days ahead, may we honor his memory by continuing the work he started—by making room, by creating connection, and by telling our stories together.

Rudy Cordova may no longer be with us in person, but his presence lives on in the lives he touched, the art he nurtured, the community he strengthened, and the promise he gave to every person who dared to imagine a better tomorrow.

Let us remember him, celebrate him, and act in his spirit.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD L. CARLSON

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. AMODEI of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Donald L. Carlson, who passed away peacefully at his home in Carson City, Nevada. Mr. Carlson was a native of rural Davis County, Iowa, but I believe he would have considered Nevada his true home. His son, Clifford D. Carlson, shared that his father described Nevada as “the land of opportunity, not only for others who migrated to the Silver State, but particularly for himself.”

He moved out west in 1974 to pursue a career in education, specifically a professor of sociology at Western Nevada Community College. During his tenure, he served on WNCC’s Faculty Senate, was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member in 1991, and received the Nevada Board of Regents’ Academic Advisor Award in 2003.

Mr. Carlson also owned Survey Research Systems, a political opinion research company, to study and analyze what motivates voters. While he agreed to represent clients all over the Nation, his particular interest was polling the needs of Nevadans and ensuring their policy goals for elected officials were heard.

I owe immense gratitude to Mr. Carlson, who played a pivotal role in both my personal and professional life. He was deliberate in choosing whom to support, and I am deeply thankful for his support of me over the years. While we did not always see eye to eye, I always valued his insight, honesty, and the lessons he shared. He was an exceptional teacher, not only in the classroom, but also to countless individuals he inspired and guided with principle in their pursuit of public service throughout our great state.

On behalf of the 2nd Congressional District of Nevada, I want to recognize and honor the extraordinary life of my friend Don Carlson, and the lasting impact he made on our community. He was a remarkable man, and while he will be deeply missed, his legacy will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER PEDRO BALDERAS, JR. OF THE ALAMO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Pedro Balderas, Jr. of the Alamo Police Department in Alamo, Texas, for his exceptional service to his community.

Since joining the department, Officer Balderas has gone above and beyond the call of duty, earning the respect of his colleagues and the gratitude of the community he serves. From his early days as a patrol officer, he demonstrated initiative, integrity, and a tireless work ethic. Through his proactive policing and sharp investigative instincts, he quickly became known for his ability to identify criminal patterns, develop intelligence, and pursue offenders with determination.

As a Major Crimes Investigator, Officer Balderas has played a pivotal role in solving complex cases that require persistence, analytical skill, and sound judgment. His leadership has contributed to numerous successful prosecutions and the dismantling of criminal operations that have threatened the safety of our communities.

In addition to his service with the Alamo Police Department, Officer Balderas has distinguished himself as a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Officer. Through close collaboration with state and federal partners, he has led major narcotics investigations that resulted in significant drug seizures, arrests of key figures in organized crime, and the recovery of substantial assets through federal and state forfeiture processes.

Beyond his investigative accomplishments, Officer Balderas is known for being a mentor to his colleagues and upholding the highest professional standards. His integrity and commitment to justice embody the very best of South Texas.

Mr. Speaker, Officer Pedro Balderas, Jr. is a shining example of the courage and dedication that define South Texas law enforcement. I am proud to represent Officer Balderas and recognize his outstanding contributions and thank him for his continued service to our region.

HONORING MARY DAVIS AS SHE RETIRES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader who has been a tremendous advocate for the disability community: Mary Davis. After more than four decades of working for the Special Olympics, including ten years as its Chief Executive Officer, she will start her much-deserved retirement at the end of this year. In that time, she has accomplished a great deal for people with disabilities in America and around the world.

A proud daughter of Ireland, Mary first became involved in the Special Olympics as a volunteer when she was studying physical education as a university student. In 1985, she helped organize the Special Olympics European Games in Dublin—the first regional games the organization ever hosted. She continued to rise through the ranks, eventually receiving an appointment to serve as National Director of Special Olympics Ireland in 1989. She further distinguished herself during her tenure as CEO of the 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games and later as President and Managing Director of Special Olympics Europe-Eurasia, which led to her appointment as CEO of Special Olympics International in 2016. I remember seeing Mary not long after, in 2018, at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Special Olympics. I was greatly impressed with her leadership, vision, and passionate commitment to creating opportunities for these Special Olympians to demonstrate their talent.

The first Special Olympics World Summer Games, held in Chicago in 1968, featured roughly 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada competing in three sports. The most recent World Summer Games, held in Berlin in 2023, saw nearly 7,000 athletes from 176 nations compete across 24 different events. Crucially, local, national, and regional Special Olympics events are organized every single day around the globe, with more than 100,000 held each year. We owe the growth of this remarkable tradition in no small part to Mary Davis. She has helped show the world all that these Special Olympians are capable of, and she has shown them and the rest of the disability community how much we value their contributions to society.

For that, she has my thanks and the gratitude of this Congress. Eunice Kennedy Shriver—the founder of the Special Olympics and my dear friend—once said: ‘do it well, finish it properly, and move on.’ Mr. Speaker, Mary has done well, finished properly, and now is moving on to what I hope will be a relaxing and meaningful retirement. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her all the best as she starts this next chapter.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 17, 2025

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Theresa Catholic School, a pillar of faith, education, and community in the heart of Coral Gables, Florida.

In 1925, the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine opened a single building with seventy students. From that humble beginning, they planted the seeds of Catholic education that grew into one of South Florida's most distinguished Catholic schools.

On July 16, 1991, the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles arrived in Coral Gables to begin administering and teaching at St. Theresa—a mission they continue faithfully to this day.

For a century, St. Theresa has remained true to its mission: faith formation, academic excellence, and service in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. Over the years, the school has expanded its facilities, embraced innovation in technology, and prepared its students to face the future while staying rooted in faith.

Now serving more than 900 students, St. Theresa continues to shine as a beacon of excellence in Catholic education. Its enduring legacy is carried forward by devoted teachers, parents, and generations of alumni who embody the values instilled within its halls.

I congratulate St. Theresa Catholic School on a century of service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 19

Time to be announced

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Mary Anne

Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, and pending calendar business.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine how the BLM land use planning process under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) affects permitting for energy, mining, grazing, and infrastructure projects on public lands.

SD-366

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Arjun Mody, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Commissioner Social Security, Jeffrey Goettman, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Africa, Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Environment, Labor, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the Rank of Ambassador, Julie Callahan, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-215

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the future of PFAS cleanup and disposal policy.

SD-562

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the rising cost of health care, focusing on considering meaningful solutions for all Americans.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tammy Bruce, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador; the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations; and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and Darryl Nirenberg, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending calendar nominations.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph Gormley, of Maryland, to be President, Government Na-

tional Mortgage Association, Francis Cassidy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Paul Hollis, of Louisiana, to be Director of the Mint, and Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Stephen Carmel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Laura DiBella, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Ethan Klein, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Trent Morse, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Timothy Petty, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board.

SR-253

11 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Kevin Lunday, to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

SR-253

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration

To hold hearings to examine Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation

To hold hearings to examine how shutdowns threaten air safety, travel, and the economy.

SR-253

Committee on Rules and Administration

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 493, reducing the annual rate of pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs during a year.

SR-301

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Trump's regulatory rollback, focusing on saving Americans \$907 billion and counting.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Selig, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SD-G50

Select Committee on Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

3:45 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine made in America, focusing on restoring trust in our medicines.

SH-216

NOVEMBER 20

9:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Duva, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Robert P. Chamberlin, and James D. Maxwell II, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, William J. Crain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alexander C. Van Hook, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, William Boyle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Erin Creegan, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, Ryan Anthony Kriegshauser, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Richard

Price, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Brent Christensen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Benjamin Leon, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra, and Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine reviewing implementation of the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act, and future opportunities for U.S.-Taiwan cooperation.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the future of retirement.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charlton Allen, of North Caro-

lina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on lifting sanctions for peace and prosperity.

CHOB-210

DECEMBER 9

10:15 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting children online against offenders.

SH-216

DECEMBER 11

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the future of the U.S. organ procurement and transplantation network.

SD-430

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 3 p.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 3:00:39 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6046–6072; 1 private bills, H.R. 6063; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 61; and H. Res. 877–885 were introduced. **Pages H4704–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4706–07**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Committee on Energy and Commerce. Supplemental report on H.R. 1949, to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas (H. Rept. 119–269, Part 2); and

H. Res. 879, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 80) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision”; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 130) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 131) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 58) denouncing the horrors of socialism; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1949) to repeal restrictions on the export and

import of natural gas; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3109) to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5107) to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 enacted by the District of Columbia Council; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5214) to require mandatory pretrial and post conviction detention for crimes of violence and dangerous crimes and require mandatory cash bail for certain offenses that pose a threat to public safety or order in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–380). **Pages H4703–04**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wied to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4671**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4674**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ansari wherein she resigned from the Committee on Education and Workforce. **Page H4675**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H4676**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4691**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025: S. 2392, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for

veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

Pages H4676–78

Expressing condolences and support for the victims of the July 4 flooding in Texas, honoring acts of heroism, and committing to stand with those impacted by these floods: H. Res. 782, expressing condolences and support for the victims of the July 4 flooding in Texas, honoring acts of heroism, and committing to stand with those impacted by these floods;

Pages H4678–80

DHS Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program and Law Enforcement Support Act: H.R. 2212, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program;

Pages H4680–81

Department of Homeland Security Vehicular Terrorism Prevention and Mitigation Act of 2025: H.R. 1608, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to produce a report on emerging threats and countermeasures related to vehicular terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 286;

Pages H4681–82, H4691–92

Strengthening Cyber Resilience Against State-Sponsored Threats Act: H.R. 2659, to ensure the security and integrity of United States critical infrastructure by establishing an interagency task force and requiring a comprehensive report on the targeting of United States critical infrastructure by People's Republic of China state-sponsored cyber actors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 287;

Pages H4682–85, H4692

Protecting Information by Local Leaders for Agency Resilience Act: H.R. 5078, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize the State and local cybersecurity grant program of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security;

Pages H4685–88

Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Enhancement Act: S. 260, to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening; and

Pages H4688–90

Strengthening Oversight of DHS Intelligence Act: H.R. 2261, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Department of Homeland Security's oversight of certain intelligence matters.

Pages H4690–91

Disapproving the behavior of Representative Jesús G. “Chuy” García of Illinois: The House considered H. Res. 878, disapproving the behavior of Representative Jesús G. “Chuy” García of Illinois. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 18th. Earlier, the House rejected the Clark (MA) motion to table the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 288.

Pages H4692–98

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4691–92, H4692 and H4693.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2025; REFINER ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN RECORD OF DECISION; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE RELATING TO COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM RECORD OF DECISION; DENOUNCING THE HORRORS OF SOCIALISM; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CASH BAIL REFORM ACT OF 2025; COMMON-SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOW IN DC ACT OF 2025

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1949, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025”; H.R. 3109, the “REFINER Act”; S.J. Res. 80, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision”; H.J. Res. 130, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”; H.J. Res. 131, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Coastal

Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”; H. Con. Res. 58, denouncing the horrors of socialism; H.R. 5214, the “District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act of 2025”; and H.R. 5107, the “Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC Act of 2025”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 80, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision”, H.J. Res. 130, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”, H.J. Res. 131, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”, H. Con. Res. 58, Denouncing the horrors of socialism, H.R. 1949, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025”, H.R. 3109, the “REFINER Act”, H.R. 5107, the “Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC Act of 2025”, and H.R. 5214, the “District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act of 2025”. The rule provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 80, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision”; H.J. Res. 130, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Buffalo Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”; and H.J. Res. 131, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Record of Decision”, under closed rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each such joint resolution. The rule provides that each such joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in each such joint resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate on each such joint resolution equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides each such joint resolution one motion to recommit (or

commit, as the case may be). The rule further provides for consideration of H. Con. Res. 58, Denouncing the horrors of socialism, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their respective designees. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1949, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 3109, the “REFINER Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 5107, the “Common-Sense Law Enforcement and Accountability Now in DC Act of 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 5214, the “District of Columbia Cash Bail Reform Act of 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in

the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that upon transmission to the Senate of a message that the House has passed H.R. 4405, House Resolution 581 shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, Chairman Hill, and Representatives Latta, Pallone, Elfreth, Waters, Sessions, Lee of Pennsylvania, and Moylan.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Congressional Budget Office”, 10:15 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of College: Harnessing Innovation to Improve Outcomes and Lower Costs”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 278, the “BROADBAND Leadership Act”; H.R. 339, the “Broadband Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act”; H.R. 1343, the “Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act”; H.R. 1541, the “Wireless Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act”; H.R. 1588, the “Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 1617, the “Wireless Resiliency and Flexible Investment Act of 2025”; H.R. 1655, the “Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act”; H.R. 1665, the “DIGITAL Applications Act”; H.R. 1681, the “Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act”; H.R. 1731, the “Standard FEES Act”; H.R. 1836, the “GRANTED Act of 2025”; H.R. 1975, the “BEAD FEE Act of 2025”; H.R. 2289, the “Proportional Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act”; H.R. 2298, the “Reducing Barriers for Broadband on Federal Lands Act of 2025”; H.R. 2817, the “Coastal Broadband Deployment Act”; H.R. 3960, the “Connecting Communities Post Disasters Act of 2025”; H.R. 4211, the “Brownfields Broadband Deployment Act”; H.R. 4927, the “CABLE Competition Act”; H.R. 5147, the “WIRELESS Leadership Act”; H.R. 5170, the

“CABLE Leadership Act”; H.R. 5264, the “SPEED for Broadband Infrastructure Act for the 119th”; H.R. 5266, the “5G Upgrade Act of 2025”; H.R. 5273, the “Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act”; H.R. 5290, the “Cable Transparency Act”; H.R. 5311, the “Cable Expansion Act”; H.R. 5318, the “RAPID Act”; H.R. 5358, the “TRUSTED Broadband Networks Act”; and H.R. 6046, the “Broadband and Telecommunications RAIL Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Innovation with Integrity: Examining the Risks and Benefits of AI Chatbots”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of Deposit Insurance: Exploring the Coverage, Costs, and Depositor Confidence”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4638, the “Bill to Outlaw Wounding of Official Working Animals Act”; H.R. 5713, the “Expedited Removal of Criminal Aliens Act”; H.R. 4711, the “REMOVE Act”; H.R. 2189, the “Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act of 2025”; H.R. 2675, the “Protecting Our Courts from Foreign Manipulation Act of 2025”; H.R. 1109, the “Litigation Transparency Act of 2025”; legislation on the NDO Fairness Act; and H.R. 988, to amend title 36, United States Code, to move the place of incorporation and domicile of the National Woman’s Relief Corps to Illinois, to move the principal office of such Corps to Murphysboro, Illinois, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5763, the “Main Street Parity Act”; H.R. 5788, the “504 Program Risk Oversight Act”; H.R. 3496, the “Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Access Act”; H.R. 5764, the “AI for Mainstreet Act”; H.R. 5784, the “Artificial Intelligence Wisdom for Innovative Small Enterprises (AI-WISE) Act”; H.R. 5778, the “Improving SBA Engagement on Employee Ownership Act”; and H.R. 4305, the “Destroying Unnecessary, Misaligned, and Prohibitive (DUMP) Red Tape Act of 2025”, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, hearing entitled “Leaving the Sticky Notes Behind: Harnessing Innovation and New Technology to Help America’s Foster Youth Succeed”, 10 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.

Joint Meeting

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine frontier technologies, industrial efficiency, and pro-innovation policies, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 18 through November 21,
2025

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Selig, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 3 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph Gormley, of Maryland, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, Francis Cassidy, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Paul Hollis, of Louisiana, to be Director of the Mint, and Travis Hill, of Maryland, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Stephen Carmel, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, John DeLeeuw, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Laura DiBella, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Ethan Klein, of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Ryan McCormack, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Trent Morse, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Timothy Petty, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Kevin Lunday, to be Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, 11 a.m., SR-253.

November 19, Subcommittee on Aviation, Space, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine how shutdowns threaten air safety, travel, and the economy, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: November 19, to hold hearings to examine how the BLM land use planning process under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) affects permitting for energy, mining, grazing, and infrastructure projects on public lands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the future of PFAS cleanup and disposal policy, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Finance: November 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Arjun Mody, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Commissioner Social Security, Jeffrey Goettman, of Virginia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Africa, Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Environment, Labor, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the Rank of Ambassador, Julie Callahan, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:45 a.m., SD-215.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the rising cost of health care, focusing on considering meaningful solutions for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tammy Bruce, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador; the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations; and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, and Darryl Nirenberg, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Romania, both of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

November 20, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Brent Christensen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Benjamin Leon, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra, and Leo Brent Bozell III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, all of the Department of State; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine reviewing implementation of the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act, and future opportunities for U.S.-Taiwan cooperation, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Scott Mayer, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Mary Anne Carter, of Tennessee, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, and pending calendar business, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

November 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the future of retirement, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department

of Agriculture, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, John Walk, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, and Thomas Bell, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 19, to hold hearings to examine pending calendar nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106.

November 19, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

November 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Andrew Duva, of Florida, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Robert P. Chamberlin, and James D. Maxwell II, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, William J. Crain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Alexander C. Van Hook, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, William Boyle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Erin Creegan, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, Ryan Anthony Kriegshauser, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, James Kruger, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, Scott Leary, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Richard Price, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, 9:15 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: November 19, business meeting to consider S. Res. 493, reducing the annual rate of pay of Senators if a Government shutdown occurs during a year, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: November 19, to hold hearings to examine Trump's regulatory rollback, focusing on saving Americans \$907 billion and counting, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 19, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: November 19, to hold hearings to examine made in America, focusing on restoring trust in our medicines, 3:45 p.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Education and Workforce: November 19, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "E-Verify: Ensuring Lawful Employment in America", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "From Classroom to Career: Strengthening Skills Pathways Through CTE", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

November 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 9 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: November 19, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3474, the "Federal Mechanical Insulation Act"; H.R. 3699, the "Energy Choice Act"; H.R. 5184, the "Affordable Housing Over Mandating Efficiency Standards Act"; H.R. 4690, the "Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act"; H.R. 4593, the "Saving Homeowners from Overregulation With Exceptional Rinsing Act"; H.R. 4758, the "Homeowner Energy Freedom Act"; H.R. 4626, the "Don't Mess With My Home Appliances Act"; and H.R. 1355, the "Weatherization Enhancements and Readiness Act of 2025", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 20, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "Daylight and Destinations: Examining Time, Travel, and Tourism", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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November 20, Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, hearing entitled "Democracy in Peril: the Fight for Free Elections in Honduras", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: November 20, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, joint hearing entitled "Securing Global Communications: An Examination of Foreign Adversary Threats to Subsea Cable Infrastructure", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration: November 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Taking Stock of the STOCK Act", 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 19, Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, hearing entitled "Enumeration or Estimation: Why Inaccurate Census Results Hurt American Citizens", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Restoring Law and Order in High-Crime U.S. Cities", 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: November 19, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 338, the "Every Drop Counts Act"; H.R. 1514, the "Mississippi River Basin Fishery Commission Act"; H.R. 3756, the "FISH Act of 2025"; and H.R. 5699, the "Fisheries Data Modernization and Accuracy Act of 2025", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

November 19, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 4276, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations,

and Native Hawaiian organizations, and for other purposes; H.R. 5515, the “Indian Trust Asset Reform Amendment Act”; H.R. 5682, to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5696, the “STREAMLINE Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 573, the “Studying NEPA’s Impact on Projects Act”; H.R. 681, to amend the Act of August 9, 1955 (commonly known as the “Long-Term Leasing Act”), to authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), and for other purposes; H.R. 3903, the “Chugach Alaska Land Exchange Oil Spill Recovery Act of 2025”; H.R. 4467, the “Vicksburg National Military Park Boundary Modification Act”; H.R. 4503, the “ePermit Act”; H.R. 4776, the “SPEED Act”; H.R. 4386, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to clarify entrance privileges for vehicles with respect to the America the Beautiful interagency pass; and H.R. 5131, the “Public Lands Military Readiness Act of 2025”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, November 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Made in the USA: How Main

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Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, November 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Improving Outcomes for Disabled Veterans: Oversight of VA’s Medical Disability Examination Office”, 12 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, November 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Modernizing Care Coordination to Prevent and Treat Chronic Disease”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Joint Meeting

Joint Economic Committee: November 18, to hold hearings to examine frontier technologies, industrial efficiency, and pro-innovation policies, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: November 20, to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on lifting sanctions for peace and prosperity, 10:30 a.m., 210, Cannon Building.

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10 a.m., Tuesday, November 18

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Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Ho Nieh, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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